

Pittsburgh, Pa.
May 25, 1949

MEMO, SAC:

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - BRIEF
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Relet Pittsburgh to New York, 5/18/49 in captioned case (Serial 194 of this file).

As set out in said letter, Special Assistant to the Attorney General LAWRENCE BAILEY interviewed ONDI C-113 on 5/6, 7 and 9/49 as a prospective witness in this case. At that time, Mr. BAILEY requested that C-113 be further interviewed by this office in order to clarify particular portions of his expected testimony.

Informant was subsequently re-interviewed on several occasions and as a result the "Outline of Proof of [redacted] (C-113)" was revised by the writer. One copy of the corrected outline of proof of [redacted] was forwarded to the New York Office along with relet. Two corrected copies of said outline of proof are attached hereto for possible future use by this office.

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There are also attached hereto reports of C-113 dated 5/31, 6/10, 6/22, 7/1, 7/31, 7/15, 7/29, 8/4, 8/21, 11/26, 12/7/45; 1/13, 3/10, 5/4, 8/27, 10/6, 11/13, 12/22/46; 2/2, 4/2, 6/1, 7/11, 8/29/48.

These reports contain most of the information which C-113 was to furnish as a witness and photostats were made so that C-113 might review same inasmuch as his original reports were in the custody of the U. S. Attorney at New York City.

It is suggested that the above-mentioned outlines of proof and photostatic copies of C-113's reports be placed in the exhibit section of this file until such time as it is determined that same are of no further value. Upon such determination, it is believed that this material may be destroyed.

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All outlines
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of reports destroyed
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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
July 1, 1949

MEMO, SAC:

Re: CNDI C-113

Reference is made to Section (D) of SAC letter No. 22, Series 1948 dated February 18, 1948, and to Section (B) of SAC Letter No. 64, Series 1949 dated June 15, 1949.

This is to advise that on July 1, 1949 the writer orally and specifically advised informant that all future payments which he received from this Bureau were to be included as income on his annual income tax returns. Informant also was advised that it was absolutely necessary that he should designate the writer as his employer.

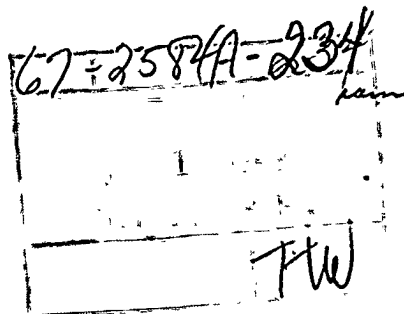
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BILL OF RIGHTS CONFERENCE JULY SIXTEEN, SEVENTEEN, FORTY NINE, NYC.

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CHECK TEL CAPTIONED "AMER SLAV CONGRESS..IS-C" BOTH DATED JULY THIRTEEN

LAST. SINCE PITTS CI C-ONE ONE THREE AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND EMERGENCY MEETING OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE AMER SLAV CONGRESS; IN NYC JULY FIFTEEN AND WOULD ALSO BE

DELEGATES TO ABOVE CONFERENCE, BUREAU MAY WISH TO AUTHORIZE THESE

CI-S TRAVEL TO NYC TO EFFECT COVERAGE OF ASC MEETING AND XXX FULLERCOVER-

AGE OF ABOVE CONFERENCE. IF AUTHORITY IS GRANTED, PITTS C-ONE ONE THREE

SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO COVER PANEL THREE AND PITTS SHOULD ADHERE TO INSTRUCTIONS

SET OUT IN MY TEL OF JULY THIRTEEN. FOR CHICAGO-S INFORMATION,

PANEL ONE XXX OF CONFERENCE WILL DEAL WITH "THE BILL OF RIGHTS IN COURT."

IF CHICAGO INFORMANT ATTENDS, CHICAGO SHOULD ADVISE NY OF HIS FULL

NAME IN ORDER THAT NY CAN PROPERLY IDENTIFY HIM. INFORMANT SHOULD TELEPHONICALLY

CONTACT SAS [REDACTED] OR R. S. GARNER AT NY, FBI OFFICE, RECTOR

TWO DASH THREE FIVE ONE FIVE UPON HIS ARRIVAL FOR ANY ADDITIONAL LAST MINUTE XXX

INSTRUCTIONS. THIS INFORMANT SHOULD TELEPHONICALLY CONTACT THESE AGENTS AT

OFFICE PERIODICALLY DURING CONFERENCE ON SAT. AND SUN. INFORMANT SHOULD ALSO

ENDEAVOR TO ATTEND DINNER TO BE GIVEN BY CONFERENCE ON SAT. EVENING. INFORMANT

REPORT SHOULD BE EXPEDITIOUSLY FORWARDED TO NY SO THAT INVESTIGATION^{VE}

REPORT CAN BE PREPARED PROMPTLY IN NY.

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DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO ADVISED

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BY [REDACTED]

7-14-49, 10:00 P.M.
C-113 telephonic adv. 7-2584A-236
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MATTHEW CVETIC, CNDI C ONE ONE THREE. RE PITTSBURGH TEL JULY THIRTEEN LAST.

AUTHORITY GRANTED PAY EXPENSES INFORMANT UP TO SEVENTY FIVE DOLLARS

ATTENDANCE EMERGENCY MEETINGS ASC NATIONAL COMMITTEE, NYC, JULY FIFTEEN AND

BILL OF RIGHTS CONFERENCE JULY SIXTEEN AND JULY SEVENTEEN.

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JUL 15 1949
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Expenses week of 4/24/49

Bob Lee 4-29-49

April 24th.1949 ---

Transp to Cleveland, two meals and taxicab fare
in Cleveland, Ohio.

\$9.50

April 25, 1949

carfare .60¢; phone .45¢; postage .1.00

2.05

Apr 1 26, 1949

carfare .40¢; phone .40¢

.80

April 27, 1949

carfare .60¢; phone .50¢; evening late lunch with
P.R., M.M. and one other person .50

1.60

Apr 1 28, 1949

carfare .40¢; phone .45¢;

.85

April 29, 1949

carfare .60¢; phone .50¢; contribution at Banquet
\$3.00; paid for extra ticket \$1.00

5.10

April 30, 1949

carfare .40¢; phone .35¢; Lunch attend.all day
conference .85¢;

1.60 \$21.50

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Bob Lee

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Expenses week of May 1, 1949

Bob Lee 5-10-49

Bob Lee

May 1,	carfare .40¢; telephone .35¢;	.75¢
2,	carfare .60¢; phone .50¢; ^{two} LODGE DUES \$3.24 XXXXXX (2nd Quarter) Tickets for May 21st. \$3.00	7.34¢
3,	carfare .40¢; phone .50¢; Sunday Workers \$1.25; postage .73¢;	2.98 88
4,	carfare .60¢; phone .40¢;	1.00
5,	carfare .40¢; phone .50¢; late lunch .75¢	1.65
6,	carfare .50¢; phone .65¢; taxi to Oakland \$1.25; contribution at meeting \$1.00; ticket at hall .50¢; Add. Banquet tickets \$2.00	5.90
7,	carfare .30¢; phone .25¢; taxicab \$1.00	

21.01
1.55
\$21.27 - 20.00
4.50
15.50

*Paid to C-113 on 5/6/49
in connection with
renting room at 7th
Ave. Hotel for A.A. &
Lawrence Bailey instructor*

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EXPENSES WEEK OF 5/8/49

Bob Lee 5-16-49

Bob Lee

5/8/49 - telephone .45¢ carfare .60¢; spent at club in P.M. \$1.50	\$2.55
5/9/49 - telephone .60¢; carfare .70¢; 3 mos dues \$3.00 pamphlets .45¢	4.75
5/10/49- telephone .60¢; carfare .60¢; late lunch .65¢ taxicab 1.30	3.15
5/11/49 - telephone .50¢; carfare .60¢; ticket for S.S. I-0 dance .75¢	1.85
5/12/49 - telephone .50¢; carfare .40¢; sunday worker .25¢ extra lunch .75¢	1.90
5/13/49 - tele hone .60¢; carfare .50¢; taxi \$1.25;	2.35
5/14 /49 telephone .45¢; carfare .40¢ two calls to Cleveland charged to me \$3.50	<u>4.35</u> \$20.90

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Expenses week of May 15th.1949

Bob Lee 5-23-49

not due

May 15th. -- telephone .35; carfare .40¢	.75
16th. -- telephone .45¢; carfare .60¢; additional wallace tickets (finnally paid for 8) \$3.00	3.00
17th. -- telephone .40¢ carfare .40¢	.80
18th -- telephone .35¢; carfare .60¢; 4 pol.aff-airs \$1.00; late lunch .75¢; pamphlet .25¢ .	2.95
19th -- out of town.	
20th -- telephone .75¢; carfare .60¢; one extra lunch \$.65¢; postage .73¢; Sunday workers .25¢	2.98
21st.-- Banquet ticket (Prog.P.) \$5.00; contri-bution at Banquet \$1.00; telephone .50¢; carfare .50¢; expenses incurred at the Festival & meeting including one cab trip \$3.25	10.25 \$20.73

*Total 21.28
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Expenses Week of May 22nd.

Bob Lee 5/31/49

May 22nd., 1949

carfare .40¢. phone .50¢; .90

May 23rd., 1949

sunday and daily worker \$5.50; carfare .40¢;
postage .73¢; phone .60¢ 7.23

May 24th. 1949

carfare .60¢; phone .40¢; raffle ticket \$1.00 2.00

May 25th., 1949

carfare .40¢; phone .50¢; .90

May 26th. 1949

carfare .60¢; phone .45¢; cont. to CRC \$5.00 6.05

May 27th 1949

carfare .40¢; phone .50¢; postage .73¢ 1.63

May 28th. 1949

carfare .40¢; phone .35¢; .75

2 - late lunches --- during the week 1.65 21.11

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EXPENSES TO NEW YORK AND RETURN
5-19-49

Bob Lee 5-23-49
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Airplane Fare to New York on Spec. Coach Plane	\$14.72
Airplane Fare to Pgh (return) on regular run	23.69
Limousine service to and from Airport at Pgh	3.00
2 - taxicab trips in Pittsburgh ----Lawrenceville	2.70
5 - meals - including 3 in Pgh -- Breakfast and lunch at Airport in New York -- (ate lunch at airport when original plane developed trouble and had to return to base.)	4.75
Telephone, and service charges	<u>2.75</u> \$51.61

No per diem expenses added.

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Bob Lee 5-22-49

Bob Lee

for trip to Cleveland, Ohio to attend meeting of Communist Party meetings
of Slovene Bureau C.P.U.S.A. and Croatian Bureau C.P.U.S.A.

May 22nd. 1949

No transportation expenses.
No hotel expenses.
No contributions.

Taxicab -- 2 trips -- Pgh.	\$2.90	
Meals- (5)	6.50	
Phone calls in Cleveland and Pgh.	.75	
Spent a Croatian Home with some of the Party Members.	1.50	\$11.65

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Expenses week of June May 29th.1949

Bob Lee 6-4-49

May 29th --

carfare .40¢; phone .75¢; dinner \$1.50, taxi trip
(worked all day at picture showing) \$1.20 \$3.85

May 30th -- none

May 31st. -- carfare .50¢; phone 35¢; postage .73 1.58

June 1st -- carfare .60¢; phone .55¢; one banquet ticket for A.S.C. \$3.00 4.15

June 2nd -- carfare .80¢; phone .45¢; two extra lunches with S.N. etc. 1.15 - loan to s.n. \$3.00 (if ret'd will credit); loan to M.H. \$1.00 (if ret'd. will credit); postage to mail out tickets for AS C \$1.80 (outfit broke) 7.40

June 3rd postage .73¢; carfare .60¢; phone .50¢; contribution to Young Prog. for trip to either Wash. or Harris. lobby \$1.00; add. pstg on ASC mailing \$.60¢; 3.43 \$20.41

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Expenses on Chicago Trip
6-4-49 and 6-5-49

Bob Lee 6-6-49

Bob Lee

Transportation to Chi and return. inc. service chg.	\$55.96	
Hotel room and expenses incurred at hotel.	12.44	
Taxicab expenses at Pgh 2 trips and in Chicago 7 trips -- to and from stations -- to hotel -- to meeting place -- all taxi transportation necessary due to necessity for making time, unfamiliarity with locale and bad ankle which made ordinary transp- ortation impossible.	11.50	
Meals in Chicago and on train.	11.25	
Telephone - in Pgh and Chi.	1.50	92.65
Less \$15.00 credit -- money raised locally for trip.		<u>15.00</u> 77.65

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EXPENSES WEEK OF JUNE 5th

Bob Lee 6-14-49

Bob Lee

June 5th. Out of town.

June 6th. carfare .60¢; phone .75¢; postage \$2.40; \$3.75

June 7th. carfare .60¢; phone .45¢; balance on Daily
& Sunday Worker to J. \$2.00; \$3.05

June 8th. carfare .40¢; phone .60¢; postage .73¢
one extra lunch .65¢; taxi \$1.25 3.63

June 9th. carfare .60¢; postage \$3.50 (ASC Mailings
& CRC) phone .60¢; 4.70

June 10th - carfare .60¢; phone .55¢; extra lunch .75¢;
taxi \$1.10 - 3.00

June 11th carfare .40¢; phone 35¢; add. money spent for
postage \$2.45. 3.20 21.35

M.H. ret'd loan \$1

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ASC & CRC both financially caput.
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Expenses Week of 6-12-49

Bob Lee 6-120-49

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June 12, 1949 - carfare .30¢; phone 30¢;	.60¢
June 13th., carfare .60¢; phone .65¢; extra lunch .60¢;	1.85
14th. carfare .60¢; phone .55¢; postage stamps for mailing \$3.75 (this may be refunded - if so will credit when refunded);	4.90
15th. carfare .80¢; phone .70¢; taxi .80¢;	2.30
16th. carfare .60¢; phone .50¢; half-rental for meeting room \$2.50 (may be refunded - will credit when money is refunded. late lunch .55¢;	4.15
17th. carfare .80¢; phone .60¢; postage stamps .73¢; late afternoon lunch with s. .50	2.63
18th. carfare .60¢; phone .35¢; IWO Dues for 3rd qtr \$3.30 ;	4.25

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Expenses week of June 19th .1949

Bob Lee 6-26-49

Bob Lee

June 19th. carfare .40¢; phone .35¢;	.75¢
June 20th. carfare .60¢; phone .45¢; lunch .75¢;	1.80
21st. carfare .80¢; phone .55¢; pamphlets .35¢ postage .73¢;	2.43
22nd. carfare .60¢; phone .50¢; extra lunch .55¢;	1.65
23rd. carfare .90¢; phone .65¢; postage .25¢; ta xi in evening \$1.20; extra lunch .75¢	6.65
24th. carfare .60¢; phone .85¢; taxi \$1.20; banquet ticket \$3.00;	5.65
25th. carfare .40¢; phone .55¢; hotel expenses .75¢;	1.70
	<u>20.58</u>

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Expenses week of June 23, 1949

Bob Lee ~~6-7-49~~ 7-7-49

June 26th --

CRC meeting, contribution \$1.00; transportation
for day \$1.50; Sl. Picnic \$2.25; telephone .75;

6.50

June 27th.--

5.50

carfare .60¢; phone .45¢; lunch .65¢ (extra);

Sunday worker 2 weeks .50¢

2.20

June 28th.--

carfare .40¢; phone .50¢;

.90

June 29th.

carfare .60¢; phone .55¢; literature \$1.25;
lunch \$.55¢; taxifare \$1.20

5.15

4.15

June 30th.

carfare .50¢; phone .40¢; (loss on ins. bus. \$6.00
allowed to m.s.); dues for 3 mos. \$3.00;

9.90

July 1st.,

carfare .60¢; phone .50¢; late lunch .75¢;
postage stamps .75¢;

2.58

July 2nd.

carfare .40¢; phone .35¢; SANS dues \$2.00;

2.75

29.93

July 2nd.--

contribution at Labor Youth League Meeting
(if not previously reported)

1.00

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Bob Lee Expenses week of 7-3-49

Bob Lee 7-9-49.

July 3rd -

carfare .20¢; phone .35¢ .55

4th

none.

July 5th.

carfare .60¢; phone .45¢; All Nations Picnic
tickets \$5.00 (will probably buy \$10.00 worth before
the picnic - stubs will be furnished.) --

6.05

July 6th.

carfare .60¢; phone .40¢; postage .73¢;
contribution to World Youth Group \$1.00.

2.73

7th.

carfare .60¢; phone .55¢; evening lunch .65¢;
postage ASC Mailing .30¢; literature \$1.35; copy
of Foster's book .35 (will probably have to buy
more later.

3.80

8th.

carfare .40¢; phone .65¢; worker .25¢; lunch
.45¢; postage .37¢

2.12

9th.

carfare .70¢; phone .80¢ lunch and dinner \$2.60
taxi - late in evening \$1.20 (expenses in connec-
tion with John M.'s visit here).

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\$20.55

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Expenses week of July 10, 1949

Rob Lee 7-21-49

July 10, tele, honc .30¢; travel .45¢;	.75¢	
July 11, telephone .55¢; travel \$1.40; literature \$1.25; postage .73¢; Sunday Worker \$1.25 .25¢;	4.18	
July 12, telephone .45¢; travel .60¢; pd. for Sw ASC * expenses \$8.00; evening late lunch .75¢;	9.80	
July 13, telephone .40¢; travel .70¢; envelopes .30¢; All Nations Picnic tickets \$5.00 (will submit stubs)	6.40	
July 14, telephone .60¢; travel .80¢; postage .73¢;	2.13	\$23.26 ✓

*include money sent in org. which is now financially defunct.

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Expenses - 7/15, 7/16 and 7/17/49 B of R Conf. Bob Lee 7-18-49

Bob Lee

Transportation to N.Y. and return	\$27.50	
Room, inc. charges.	12.97	
Meals - for 3 and $\frac{1}{2}$ days.	17.75	
Taxicab and other transportation $3\frac{1}{2}$ days Pgh and N. Y.	10.90	
Telephone - 2 days	.75	
Entertainment Exp. at yugo-slav Home at H.H. Hotel and surrounding places - including extra late lunches - (spent with Hy Sc. G.W., M.M., Harry J. Leo Bb. John Mars. Joe Helmuth, Lucille Helmuth, and others.	7.50	
Conference Fees	3.50	
Collection at banquet.	<u>1.00</u>	\$81.87

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\$75.00

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Expenses week of July 17th.1949

Bob Lee 7-24-49

Bob Lee

7/17 - none -

7/18 - transportation .80¢; phone .55¢; typewriter paper.30¢
envelopes .40¢; \$2.05

7/19 - transportation .40¢; tele hone .50¢; extra lunch .60¢;
postage .73¢ 2.23

7/20 - transportation .70¢; telephone .40¢; literature \$1.90;
c.p.dues \$2.00 5.00

7/21 - trans ortation .60¢; telephone .50¢ ; 1.10

7/22 - trans ortation (inc.taxi in evening from P.C.pt) \$2.10 4.90
telephone .80¢; contro.th ch.k. mayoralty camp.\$2.00

7/23 - transportat on .40¢; phone .50¢. contr.top.p.\$1.00;
spent for ASC material & stamps \$2.75;
literature \$.35¢ - lunch p.m. \$45¢
5.45
\$20.73

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Expenses week of July 24, 1949

Bob Lee 7-31-49

Bob Lee

July 24, 1949 -

Transportation .40¢; phone .25¢; .65

25th

Transportation .60¢; phone .55¢; worker .25¢;
postage for mailing \$4.50; book \$1.00 6.90

26th.

transportation .60¢; phone .40¢; late lunch .70¢;
taxi trip \$1.20; 2.90

27th

transportation .80¢; phone .60¢; extra lunch -to
make meeting .90¢; spent at Club .45¢ (with S.N.
etc.) postage .73¢ 5.48

28th

transportation .60¢; phone .50¢; magazine & pamph-
let .65¢ (j.d.); late lunch .65¢; add. postage
& paper for mailing ASC \$2.25; envelopes and
paper for own use .70¢; ~~taxi trip \$1.20~~ 5.35

29th

transportation .60¢; phone .55¢; ~~late lunch~~
extra lunch with gw .45¢; 1.60

30th.

spent over and above amount allowed for trip to
Chicago Ill.

Transportation	\$52.00
Meals --	6.00
taxicab --	3.50
entertainment --	84.00 (with bd. members)
	<u>65.50</u>
Allowed	<u>56.80</u>

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8.70 \$29.58

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SAC, NEW YORK

7/23/49

Fw SAC, PITTSBURGH

REGISTERED MAIL

BILL OF RIGHTS CONFERENCE

July 16, 17, 1949, New York City, N.Y.

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Reurtel New York to Pittsburgh, 7/14/49. There are enclosed herewith for the New York Office:

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(1) 2 photostatic copies of a report of GMDI C-113, dated 7/18/49, with reference to captioned conference. The original report of informant was personally furnished by him to SA [] of this office at Pittsburgh, Pa., on 7/20/49.

With regard to the persons from Western Pennsylvania who attended said conference, as set out at Page 12 of the above report, C-113 orally advised SA [] on 7/22/49 that all, with the exception of [] and [] (probably identical with []) are known to him as members of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania.

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It is noted, however, that [] advised on 1/6/49 that [] is a member of the CP of Western Pennsylvania, LP Branch No. 610; that [] orally advised SA [] on 7/19/49 that [] is a member of the CP of Western Pennsylvania. It is further noted that an anonymous source advised on 7/19/45 that [] held 1944 and 1945 CP membership card Nos. 74963 and 75115, respectively. For the further information of the New York Office, C-113 advised SA [] on 7/22/49 that [] is the son of [] of the CP of Western Pennsylvania.

In addition to the above report, there is forwarded to the New York Office herewith the following items received by C-113 at the Bill of Rights Conference on 7/16/49, which were furnished by him to SA [] on 7/20/49:

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- (2) 1 mimeographed copy of the program of the Bill of Rights Conference
- (3) 1 mimeographed copy of a tentative schedule of speakers at the Bill of Rights Conference dinner, held on the evening of 7/16/49
- (4) 1 mimeographed copy of a statement issued by the Civil Rights Congress of Michigan entitled "The Fight for the preservation of Freedom of the Press"
- (5) 1 mimeographed copy of a list of additional sponsors of the Bill of Rights Conference

Enclosures

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(6) 1 printed copy of a leaflet captioned "To Safeguard these Rights..." issued by the ICASP, 49 W. 44th St., New York, N.Y.

(7) 1 mimeographed copy of an item entitled "The Governor, the Dragon and Civil Rights"

(8) 1 copy of a pamphlet entitled "It's You They're After," published by the CEO of Los Angeles, Calif.

(9) All of the above items have been properly identified as evidence by informant and SA [redacted] HUC

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
August 10, 1949

MEMO, SAC.

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Attention: SA

Re: MATTHEW CVETIC
CNDI C-113

BOB LEE called the office at 11:40 p.m. this date and advised that he had "transferred from 364 to 721." LEE advised that SA would understand this message.

Special Employee

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*8-12-49
Above refers to
C-113's hotel room.
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*Noted on
8-18-49
F. Card
Vks*

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PITTSBURGH, PA.		

Pittsburgh, Penna.
September 6, 1949

MEMO: SAC

RE: MATT CVETIC;
PERSONNEL MATTER

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On August 30, 1949, [] manager, Telephone Answering Company, Inc., William Penn Hotel, stated that he received an application for telephone answering service from MATT CVETIC, American Slav Congress of West Virginia, Berger Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

[] stated that it was his impression that the ASC had been listed in the newspapers by the Attorney General as a subversive organization, and that if this was so, he, [] would not accept the application from CVETIC.

The writer informed [] that he should contact the Office of the Civil Service Commission concerning the fact whether the ASC had been listed as a subversive organization by the Attorney General.

MICHAEL J. ROZAMUS
SA

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F. B. I.
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PITTSBURGH, PA.
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

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DATE: 9-23-49

FROM : SA

SUBJECT: STATEMENT OF CNDI BOB LEE
DELIVERED BY HIM TO SA
ON SEPTEMBER 23, 1949

On 9-23-49, CNDI BOB LEE delivered the attached statement to the writer. The Bureau has been advised of the contents of same by letter of this date.

It is suggested that attached be placed in 67-2584A.

67-2584A

JTM:

67-2584A-2123	
F. B. I. <i>GA</i>	
SEP 23 1949	
Fittsboro, Pa. <i>PA</i>	
	<i>[Signature]</i>

Bob Lee 9-23-49

Bob Lee
9-23-49

(CA
Edmund L. Boyle)

In April of 1941 after two or three conversations with E.E. of the Pittsburgh office, I volunteered my services to the government of the United States in the capacity in which I since served ^{APPROXIMATELY} eight and one half years.

During these eight and one half years I have tried to do my work in a way which would insure the maximum results with no thought to personal sacrifice of time, money and self respect. The abuse and threats heaped upon me never stopped me from trying to do a good job.

Because of the nature of the work, it became necessary for me to give up my Civil Service Status which I enjoyed when first I stepped into this job.

Now it is becoming increasingly ~~more~~ difficult for me to continue due to the cost of living and the difficulty of securing any decent employment in private industry which would supplement my earnings. Even tho' let me point out here, that I have been so darn busy attending meetings, making the rounds, and writing reports that it is questionable whether I could have given much time to any private employment. For example in the field of work I cover, the majority of Sunday's, until recently were taken up with one phase or another of the work.

Today my work is causing increasing embarrassment to my mother and father and to my brothers and sisters, some of whom are in business and others who work in private industry. As a matter of fact my family want to publicly disclaim any agreement with my political views which of course they believe I hold.

My two sons who are now 18 years of age are put in a position

where they are often asked about their dad and they too can give no satisfactory explanation for my conduct. It must follow that they will always be suspect as long as I continue in this work. My sons are now starting out - one is going to the Navy (if my status doesn't keep him out) the other is attending a local university. They are often asked is 'so and so' your dad.

I have no brief with the office. The men I worked with have always been helpful and they always treated me with the utmost consideration.

However due to the increasing pressure on my family and my own personal and financial problems brought about by the work it now becomes necessary for me to request the office to restore me to a decent place in society once again and therefore whatever steps can be taken - either by giving me an opportunity to appear at some public hearing or in some such manner where I can be publicly vindicated . . .

As to how I will conduct myself in the future I intend to make use of the knowledge acquired to fight against C. ^(Communism) as a private citizen.

You know I see here an opportunity to really rock the C.P. movement not only locally but nationally since I did share some pretty good confidences in the movement. I believe it would have a pretty demoralizing effect, especially here where they expect and must accomplish so much.

If the office can make some kind of a public pronouncement and let me go back into private life I will appreciate it very much. Later if I am ever needed to assist in anyway I will as in the past give my fullest co-operation. The confidences of the office I shall never

violate. Nor the methods of works with which I became acquainted.

And in closing, as previously stated, I will do all I can as a private citizen to tell the people the real truth about C. (Communism)

P.S. If the office finds a way to release me, I will be leaving this work after 8 and $\frac{1}{2}$ years without a real vacation and somewhat in debt. If it wouldn't be asking too much, I would appreciate some kind of severance remuneration so I can pay up some of my back debts and take perhaps three or four weeks of well needed rest.

FBI WASH., D. C.

11-25-49

9:40PM EST

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ROUTINE

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT C-113. RE PITTSBURGH LETTER DATED NOVEMBER
TWENTY TWO, FORTYNINE, ENTITLED QOUTE AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS, INTERNAL
SECURITY R, REGISTRATION ACT UNQUOTE. AUTHORITY GRANTED TO PAY
EXPENSES INFORMANT UP TO SEVENTY DOLLARS FOR HIS ATTENDANCE DETROIT
MEETING NATIONAL CONFERENCE AGAINST DEPORTATION HYSTERIA AND ASC

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FBI WASH DC

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT C-ONE ONE THREE. RE DETROIT LETTER DATED
NOVEMBER SIXTEEN, NINETEEN FORTYNINE, ENTITLED QUOTE AMERICAN
SLAV CONGRESS, INTERNAL SECURITY R, REGISTRATION ACT UNQUOTE. AD-
VICE IF INFORMANT C-ONE ONE THREE CONTEMPLATES ATTENDING ASC MEETING
IN DETROIT, DECEMBER FOURTH, AND IF SO, ESTIMATE OF EXPENSE.

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ACK PLS

OK FBI PG JSG

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*11/22/49
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JH*

*advised
11:15 pm 11/21/49*

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NOV 21 1949
<i>[Signature]</i>

FBI DE 0711

FBI PITTSBURGH

11/20/49 5:50 PM EST AOB

SAC DETROIT URGENT

AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS, IS DASH R, RA. REURTEL TODAY AND MYLET
NOV. TWENTYSECOND, LAST. BUREAU HAS AUTHORIZED O DASH ONE ONE THREE
EO PROCEED AS SET OUT IN RELET. SUTEL IDENTITY OF AGENTS OF YOUR
OFFICE IF CONTACT WITH INFORMANT DESIRED BY YOUR OFFICE.

THORNTON

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JTM:AOB

100-3674

✓cc: 67-2584-A

JTM
67-2584-A-274

TELETYPE RECEIVED NOVEMBER 29, 1949 FROM DETROIT

RE- AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS

AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS, IS R, RA! REPG LET TO DIRECTOR, NOV
TWENTY SECOND LAST. PITTSBURGH IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE THE DETROIT
OFFICE WHETHER OR NOT INFORMANT C-ONE ONE THREE WILL ATTEND THE
NATIONAL'S COMMITTEE MEETING THE ASV.ON DEC FOUR NEXT.

DECODED 11-29-49 BY DMR

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original of above
placed in 100-3674
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NOV 29 1949

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Expenses Week of July 31st.

Bob Lee 8-7-49

July 31st.

Transportation - \$1.30; extra lunch .50¢; phone .40¢;
meeting room \$2.00

4.20

August 1st.

transp. .60¢; phone .50¢; postage .75¢

1.75

1.83

Aug. 2nd.

transp. .80¢; phone .50¢; Sunday worker \$1.00;
paper .40¢;

2.70

3rd.

transp. .80¢; phone .60¢; extra lunch .60¢;

2.00

4th.

transp. .80¢; phone .50¢; postage on mail/ 3.00
late lunch .75¢; loss on ins. \$2.00

7.05

5th.

transp. .60¢; phone .55¢; postage .37¢

1.52

6th.

transp. .40¢; phone .35¢; to G. for stamps \$2.00 for
mailing;

2.75

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Expenses Week of August 7th., 1949

Bob Lee 8-14-49

August 7th.

phone .35¢; transp. .40¢; .75

August 8th.

phone .50¢; transp. .60¢; 3 mos. dues \$3.00; expenses for
mimeo paper asc \$2.50 6.60

August 9th.

phone .50¢; transp. .60¢; mimeo paper for own use .25¢;
postage for asc \$1.20; 2.55

August 10th.

phone .45¢; transp. 40¢; postage stamps .37¢; sunda wkr.
\$1.00; 2.22

August 11th.

phone .60¢; transp. \$1.75 (inc. taxi); literature \$.55 at
meeting; contr. to P.P. \$1.00; 3.90

August 12th.

phone .40¢; transp. 60¢; 1.00

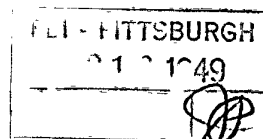
August 13th.

phone .35¢; transp. 40¢; .75

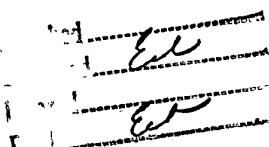
August 7th to 13th - extra lunches, coffee etc for the
purpose of keeping contact and getting info.

2.50 \$20.27

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EXPENSES WEEK OF 8/14/49

Bob Lee 8-21-49

8/14 - phone .30¢; transp. 45¢;	.75
8/15 - phone .50¢; transp. .60¢; postage .73¢;	1.83
8/16 - phone .55¢; transp. .60¢; literature .50¢; sunday worker .25¢; spent for asc material \$2.00 (paper).	3.90
8/17 - phone .60¢; transp. 60¢; pstg for asc \$3.00	4.20
8/18 - phone .50¢; transp. 80¢; pstg for asc return mail .24¢; given to gw prev. week for mailing column \$2.00 (keep Amer. Free).	3.54
8/19 - phone .45¢; transp. 60¢; pstg for asc return mail .12¢;	1.17
8/20 - phone .50¢; transp. \$1.60; add. pstg to mail column keep amer. free \$.70¢;	2.80

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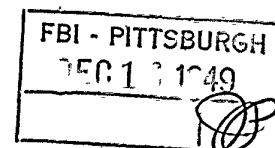
8/14/to 8/20 - extra lunch and coffee with [redacted]
[redacted] and others - late p.m.
a nd evenings.

2.75 \$20.94

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Expenses Week of August 21st. 1949

Bob Lee 8/29/49

Bob Lee

8/21/49

Transportation \$1.90/ Phone .45¢; expenses on entertain-
ment \$2.40 4.75

8/22

Transportation .60¢; phone .40¢; Sunda, worker .5¢;
Literature .90¢; 2.15

8/23

Transportation \$1.75; phone .60¢; postage .73¢; expenses
on entertain ent (extra Lunch .70¢) 3.88

8/24

Transportation .60¢; phone .60¢; expenses on ASC mailings
not reimbursed \$1.90; contribution to CRC \$1.00 4.10

8/25

Transportation .40¢; phone .45¢; phone calls on picnic tickets
not otherwise reimbursed .35¢; postage on ASC work not
otherwise reimbursed .80¢ 2.00

Aug. 27,

Transportation .60¢; phone .70¢; pstg. for own use .37¢ 1.67

Aug. 28,

Transportation, .60¢; phone .60¢ 1.20

Extra lunches during the week - 3 with M.M. and others s. 1.00 1.00
\$20.76

20.65

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EXPENSES WEEK OF AUGUST 28th. 1949

Bob Lee 9-4249

Aug. 28th - spent in connection with All-Nat. Picnic,
including transportation, tickets, refreshments,
and misc. spent. telephone etc \$6.50

29th - carfare .60¢; phone .55¢; pstg. .73¢ mimeo
paper and envelopes .45¢ 2.33

30th - carfare .80¢; phone .60¢; ASC pstg for return
envelopes .28¢; lunch in evening - moving ASC
office .75¢ 2.43

31st - carfare .60¢; phone .45¢; 1.05

Sept. 1st - carfare .40¢; phone .55¢; extra lunch in
P.M. \$.45¢ 1.40

2nd. carfare .60¢; phone .50¢; literature and spec.
edition of Sunday Worker \$1.75 (25 copies of spec.
edition; taxi expense in evening - necessary due
to bad ankle \$1.20; (ret. from meeting) 4.05

3rd. carfare .40¢; phone .45¢; taxi expense due to
bad ankle - \$1.10 postage .73¢; ASC return
envelope postage .42¢

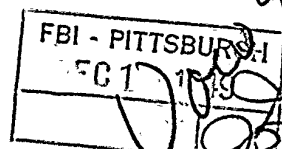
3.10
\$20.86

\$20.00 maximum allowed
Bulet 6/8/49 + 9/1/49

(C-113)

On 9/8/49
This expense used C-113 for
\$20.00 paid in advance from
J.E.T. who is to be reimbursed
on receipt of check from Bureau.
J.P.

Bulet 67-2584A-281



Expense Account - Detroit, Mich. Dec. 3 and 4th., 1949

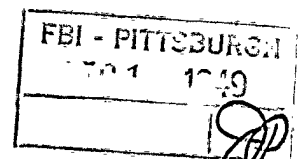
Bob Lee 12-6-49

Bob Lee

Transportation	\$12.00	
Hotel Expenses	8.00	
Meals 2½ days	8.50	
Taxi Fare (Pgh and Detroit)	6.50	
Banquet Ticket	5.00	
Contr. at Banquet	5.00	
Conf. Fee.	2.00	
Days work lost	10.00	\$57.00

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Pittsburgh, Pa.
December 27, 1949

MEMO - SAC

Re: MATTHEW CVETIC
CNDI C-113

Mr. H. B. FLETCHER of the Bureau called and made reference to our letter of 12/9/49, which recommended that the captioned confidential informant be discontinued. Mr. FLETCHER stated that the Bureau desired to go along with the recommendations of the Pittsburgh Office, and he instructed that we discontinue CVETIC as an informant of this office immediately. He said to get rid of him as quietly as possible, and requested that we determine whether CVETIC has any objection to our turning his name over to the Immigration and Naturalization Service for possible use as a witness in deportation hearings now pending.

Mr. FLETCHER also remarked that while the Bureau desired that CVETIC be discontinued immediately, he was aware that such action might take thirty days to accomplish ~~the~~ discontinuance in an appropriate manner.

I informed Mr. FLETCHER that the Bureau would be apprised of the action taken in this case.

EDWARD J. POWERS, ASAC

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ROUTINE

MATTHEW CVETIC, CNDI C-113. REURLET DECEMBER TWENTY-SEVEN. ANY INQUIRIES
RECEIVED SHOULD BE ANSWERED BY QUOTE NO COMMENTS UNQUOTE.

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MESSAGE DECODED BY DMR 12-30-49

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SAC cognizant
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PAYMENTS TO CI C-113

EFFECTIVE 12-1-48 for 6 mos.

BUREAU AUTHORIZATION LETTER 11-22-48

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SERVICES \$65/wk		EXPENSES \$20/wk.		PAID		Agent
Period	Amount	Period	Amount	Check No.	Check Dated	
		1/23 - 1/29/49	\$20.00	1468	1-31-49	
		1/29 - 1/30				
		SANC at Chicago	\$25.00	1470	1-31-49	" "
1/31 thru 2/6/49	\$40.00 \$25.00			1478	2-4-49	" "
				1479	2-8-49	" "
		1/30 - 2/5/49	\$20.00	1480	2-9-49	" "
2/7 " 2/13/49	\$65			1494	2-18-49	" "
2/14 " 2/20/49	\$65	2/6 - 2/19/49	\$38.81	1496	2-25-49	" "
2/21 " 2/27	\$65	2/20 - 2/26/49	20.00	1501	2-28-49	" "
2/28 " 3/6	\$65			1506	3-4-49	" "
		2/27 - 3/5/49	\$20.00			
3/7 " 3/13	65			1513	3-10-49	" "
3/14 " 3/20	\$65	3/6 - 3/12/49	\$20.00	1522	3-17-49	" "
		3/13 - 3/19/49	\$20.00	1524	3-20-49	" "
3/21 " 3/27	\$65	3/20 - 3/26/49		1530	3-24-49	" "

Bu tel 1-27-49
auth \$25.00
to Chicago
Chk 1470

Bu tel 3-16-49
auth \$10.00
to ASC
NYC 3-27
Chk 1533

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PAYMENTS TO CI C-113

EFFECTIVE 12-1-48 (6 mos)

BUREAU AUTHORIZATION LETTER 11-22-48

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SERVICES \$65 /wkr		EXPENSES 20/wkr		PAID		Agent
Period	Amount	Period	Amount	Check No.	Check Dated	
3/28-4/3/49	\$65			1538	4-1-49	
		3/20-4/2/49	\$48.00	1539	4-5-49	" "
4/4-4/10/49	\$65			1544	4-8-49	
		4/3-4/9/49	20.00	1546	4-11-49	" "
4/11-4/17/49	\$63			1556	4-15-49	" "
4/18-		4/10-4/16/49	20.00	1558	4-19-49	" "
4/18-4/24/49	\$65			1560	4-21-49	" "
4/25-5/1/49	65	4/17-4/23/49	20.00	1570	4-29-49	" "
		4/24-4/30/49	20.00	1571	5-3-49	" "
5/2-5/8/49	\$65			1576	5-5-49	" "
5/9-5/15/49	\$65	5/1-5/7/49	20.00	1583	5-12-49	" "
		5/8-5/14/49	20.00	1590	5-17-49	" "

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5.50 hotel exp
C-113 5/5 + 5/6
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PAYMENTS TO CI C-113

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EFFECTIVE 12-1-48 (6 mos)

BUREAU AUTHORIZATION LETTER 11-22-48

SERVICES \$65 / wch

EXPENSES 20 / wch

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Period	Amount	Period	Amount	Check No.	Check No.	Check Dated	Agent
5/16 - 5/22/49	65.00	5/15 - 5/21/49	20.00		1596	5-27-49	
5/23 - 5/29/49		5/22 - 5/28/49	\$11.61		1601	6-1-49	" "
5/30 - 6/5/49	-65.00	5/29 - 6/4/49	20.00		1617	6-11-49	" "
6/6 - 6/12/49	65.00	6/5 - 6/11/49	20.00		1618	6-14-49	" "
6/13 - 6/19/49	65						

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PAYMENTS TO CI C-113 *matthew curtis*
EFFECTIVE 6-1-49 (3 mos) 67-2584A
BUREAU AUTHORIZATION LETTER 6-8-49 (3 mos)

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SERVICES \$65 wh

EXPENSES \$20.00 wh.

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Period	Amount	Period	Amount	Check No.	Check No.	Check Dated	Agent
6/13/49-6/19/49	65.00	6/12-6/18/49	20.00		1624	6-17	
6/20-6/26/49	65.00				1626	6-23-49	
		6/19-6/25/49	19.73		1627	6-23-49	" "
6/27-7/3/49	45.00 20.00				1636	6-28-49	" "
7/4-7/10/49	65.00				1638	7-1-49	
					1639	7-5-49	
		6/26-7/2/49	20.00		1645	7-7-49	" "
7/11-7/17/49	65.00	7/3-7/9/49 20.00			1651	7-12-49	" "
		7/3-7/9/49	20.00		1655	7-13-49	" "
7/18-7/24/49	65.00	7/10-7/16/49	20.00		1657	7-14-49	" "
7/25-7/31/49	65.00	7/17-7/23/49	20.00		1661	7-22-49	" "
		7/24-7/30/49	20.00		1669	7-28-49	" "
8/1-8/7/49	65.00				1672	8-1-49	" "
		7/31-8/6/49	20.00		1678	8-2-49	" "
					1681	8-8-49	" "

Butler 7-14
auth \$75.00 to ASC
mtg + bill of rights
mrg 7-15, 16, 17 nyo
\$75.00
chb # 1658
7-18-49

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JAN 19 1950

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PAYMENTS TO CI C-113 *Matthew Cvetlic*
 67-2584A
 EFFECTIVE 6-1-49 (3mos)
 BUREAU AUTHORIZATION LETTER 6-8-49

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SERVICES \$65 *wh*

EXPENSES \$20.00 *wh*

PAID

Period	Amount	Period	Amount	Check No.	Check No.	Check Dated	Agent
8/8-8/14/49	65.00				1685	8-11-49	
8/15-8/21/49	65.00	8/7-8/13/49	20.00		1692	8-18-49	"
		8/14-8/20/49	20.00		1698	8-22-49	
8/22-8/28/49	65.00				1699	8-26-49	"
		8/21-8/27/49	20.00		1704	8-30-49	"
8/29-9/4/49	65.00				1712	9-2-49	"
		8/28-9/3/49	20.00				

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
February 7, 1950

MEMO, AC

Re: MATTHEW CVETIC
CNDI C-113

This is to advise that on January 25, 26, and 30 and February 1, 1950, captioned individual, a former CNDI of this office, telephonically contacted the writer of his own volition.

On the first two of the above telephonic contacts, CVETIC spoke haltingly and thickly, indicating that he was in an intoxicated condition. As matter of fact, during a conversation on January 26, 1950, he admitted that he had been drinking heavily. On each occasion CVETIC stated that he had taken no action toward seeking a definite employment and that he did not bear this office any ill will as result of his discontinuance. He stated that he would continue to advise this office, of his own volition, of any important CP activity coming to his attention.

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During the conversation on January 30, 1950, CVETIC furnished information concerning the current mailing address of [redacted] in New York City and same has been made a part of [redacted]'s file (100-8882).

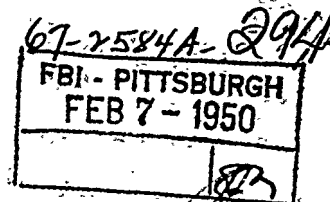
On February 1, 1950, CVETIC advised that [redacted] of the Union of American Croats, who is presently facing deportation proceedings, would visit Cleveland, Ohio, Chicago, Illinois, and Detroit, Michigan, during the week of January 30, 1950, for the purpose of securing funds for the American-Yugoslav Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, which committee contemplates using said funds for the defense of Yugoslav CP leaders who are now facing deportation from this country.

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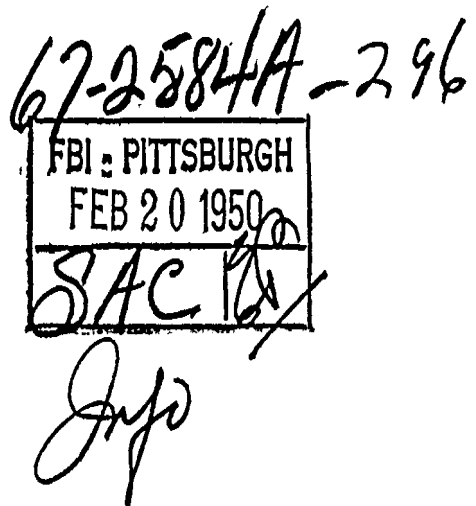
FROM : SA SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
(C-113)
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On this date about 11:05 AM, John W. Fulmer, Executive Secretary, of the North Side Chamber of Commerce, Pittsburgh, Pa. (Phone AL-1-6314) telephonically contacted the writer and advised that his Organization is having its Annual Dinner, on March 16, 1950 and desired to know if Matt Cvetic ~~was~~ would be available and if he would be permitted to give a talk before his group, concerning his activities and experiences. Mr. Fulmer stated his Organization has been issuing a Monthly Bulletin in which they have been exposing Socialism and Communism.

Mr. Fulmer was apprised of the fact that this Office has " no comment" concerning the matter. That, in the event any further comment could be made, this Office would contact him.

There is no reference to Fulmer in the indices.

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Pittsburgh, Pa.
December 9, 1949

MEMO, SAC

RE: ROBERT STANTON
IMPERSONATION

AT PITTSBURGH:

On December 8, 1949, attempted to locate complainant, [redacted] at [redacted]. A boy about twelve years old advised that she was visiting BOB STANTON, the subject, at the William Penn Hotel.

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SA JOHN M. PAGE and the writer contacted [redacted] Credit Manager, William Penn Hotel, and advised him that a complaint had been made that the subject was impersonating an FBI agent, and that we wanted to interview the complainant, whom we believed to be in the subject's room. [redacted] who stated the subject is a permanent resident of the hotel, requested that we talk to the hotel manager, [redacted] concerning this matter.

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[redacted] advised that he believed the subject to be an FBI agent. [redacted] stated that STANTON, who is registered at the hotel under a blind company, MARTIN, CURTIS AND CORDAY, INC., had resided at the William Penn Hotel for from three to five years; that he believed STANTON when originally registering had been introduced to him, [redacted] by some one connected with the Pittsburgh Office. However, [redacted] could not recall the name of this person.

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[redacted] advised that during the period he had known STANTON, he, [redacted] has never disclosed his knowledge of STANTON'S activities to any other person, and that he would continue to keep this information in confidence. He stated that the subject had informed him that he was working for the FBI inside the Communist Party, and that he knew all the leading Communists in Pittsburgh; that he was working directly under Mr. HOOVER in Washington and received his orders and mailed his reports directly to him; that he had been in New York during the trial of the twelve leading Communists and was ready to testify when the Government closed its case.

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At the conclusion of the interview with [redacted] it was determined that ROBERT STANTON, the subject, is identical with GNDI G-113, and the SAC was immediately advised.

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No further action is being taken in this impersonation case, and the matter has been referred to the ASAC squad for immediate handling.

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DIRECTOR ATTENTION F. J. BAUMGARDNER
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MATTHEW CVETIC, CNDI C ONE ONE THREE. RETEL CALL TO PITTSBURGH TODAY.
PITTSBURGH FILES REFLECT LETTER TO BUREAU FEB. TWENTYSIX, NINETEEN
FORTYTWO CAPTIONED QUOTE MATTHEW CVETIC, CNDI UNQUOTE ADVISING CVETIC
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RE MEETING OF CVETIC, [REDACTED] C. B. BALDWIN AND HENRY WALLACE
AT PITTSBURGH ON NOVEMBER ELEVEN, FORTYSEVEN, REFER TO PITTSBURGH LETTER
TO BUREAU NOVEMBER TWENTYNINE, FORTYSEVEN, CAPTIONED QUOTE AMERICAN SLAV
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FOUR. FOR INFO, CVETIC REFERRED TO THIS OFFICE BY THIRD DISTRICT CSC IN
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'COMMUNIST APPARATUS'

MATT CVETIC, the FBI man who spent nine years posing as a Communist in this district, came up with a fine kettle of fish.

His long list of names allegedly "connected with the Communist apparatus" is a revelation of astounding importance.

Many of the names in this list are familiar to newspaper readers. They are the names of those who have been active in sundry leftwing, trouble-making, meddling outfits which either fronted for Communist sympathizers or played that kind of a game.

Perhaps some of those named on Mr. Cvetic's list may be able to clear themselves. Mr. Cvetic himself, for instance, was widely known as a "Communist" until his true activity was disclosed last week.

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The charges Mr. Cvetic makes, of course, will require evidence and corroboration in accordance with American procedures before any corrective action can be taken.

But, insofar as it is permissible under our democratic system, the proper officials of law enforcement should waste no time uprooting the Communist network in this vital industrial community.

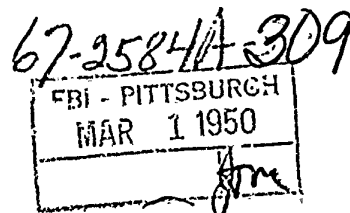
Mr. Cvetic's testimony, as now made public, should go a long way toward demoralizing the "Communist apparatus" and alerting the public to the true state of affairs.

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But Communists are shifty. They will abandon the tactics Mr. Cvetic has disclosed. Top leaders, like Steve Nelson, will disappear. New methods will be introduced. Front organizations will dig into new fields, assume new names and "purposes."

The Cvetic story, however, should put the public on notice. If nothing else, it should be a warning to well-meaning Americans to beware of joining any organizations, or lending aid to any groups, about which they are not thoroughly informed.

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Cvetic Talked To Priest Here

One person in whom Matt Cvetic, alias Bob Stanton, confided was the Rev. Theophane Maguire of St. Paul's Monastery. It was learned today.

Father Maguire, who was in China for five years during the war and who wrote the best seller "Human Harvest," said:

"I had a long talk with Cvetic about a month ago. At that time, I encouraged him to go ahead and tell his story because he would be helping his country and the American people."

The priest has been doing everything he can to encourage U. S. aid to stop Communism in China. He said:

"I'm really more alarmed now about Communism in this country than I am in China."

"The policy of brushing off the people here who are working for China aid can be carried on here as well. I'm afraid of this."

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Wallace Party Hits At Cvetic

The Progressive Party here today adopted the Communist Party line of trying to smear Matt Cvetic, an undercover agent for the FBI, who has been exposing Communist activities before a Congressional committee.

The Progressives issued a statement in which they charged that Cvetic's activities were instigated by "un-democratic, union-busting forces in this country."

Cvetic told the committee that Communists in 1946 began laying the groundwork for a "people's party" and ultimately made the Progressive Party of Henry Wallace their political "front" group.

He testified that in late 1947 he and a fellow Pittsburgh Communist Party member, George Wuchinich, conferred with Wallace and "Beany" Baldwin (C. B. Baldwin, later Wallace's campaign manager) in a Pittsburgh hotel.

Cvetic said Wallace and Baldwin asked them how many votes they could "deliver" for the new, yet unformed Progressive Party as officials of the American Slav Congress.

The witness said he assumed the two Progressive Party leaders are "men of intelligence and knew" that he and Wuchinich were Communist Party members.

Wallace commented at his home in South Salem, N. Y.:

"I can say with absolute flatness I had no awareness whatsoever of meeting any Communist in Pittsburgh."

He added that he recalled meeting Wuchinich but that he neither had then, nor has now, any knowledge that Wuchinich was a Communist.

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Were Wise to Stool Pigeon' Cvetic Blasted by Nelson For Naming Reds in Unions

There were indications today that Matt Cvetic's testimony before a Congressional committee is hitting the Communist Party where it hurts the most.

In naming names of Communist organizers in industry, here, Cvetic is revealing the best guarded secret the Communists have, according to their local boss, Steve Nelson.

Cvetic, 41, a Pittsburgher, posed as a Communist for nine years at the request of the FBI for this very purpose. He has been telling what he learned.

Nelson, the Communist chairman for Western Pennsylvania, referred to Cvetic with vitriolic language yesterday when he was asked to comment on the latter's testimony.

'ONLY SECRET'

Nelson asserted:

"The only secret of the party is that we try to keep covered the names of persons who work in industry who would be persecuted if their employers learned their names."

Nelson, visibly perturbed, said that Cvetic, in one case, revealed the name of a party member who is also a CIO steelworker. He added:

"You can imagine what will happen to that man. We don't know what it will be, but his job is his bread and butter."

Nelson said Cvetic was a trusted party member until about six months ago. He would not say what caused the mistrust to arise. Nelson added:

"Certain things began to make an impression at that time."

The Red kingpin also admitted that he did not know that Cvetic had been living in Hotel William Penn. Cvetic, he said, was not on the party's payroll.

HOTEL MEETING

Nelson described a meeting with Cvetic on the hotel's third floor about four months ago. He said:

"During hunting season I met a friend on the third floor of the hotel. While we were talking Cvetic walked from one of the hall wings. I asked him what he was doing and he replied that he was visiting a friend for business purposes."

Cvetic, he said, was flustered and flushed. Nelson said he did not press for further explanation because it was not feasible at that time.

Nelson, asked if he wanted to meet Cvetic, n

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Sun-Telegraph Photo.

STEVE NELSON

... calls Cvetic 'stool pigeon' ..

meeting and it would have been announced that he was a stool pigeon. We would have told the union men and people in progressive organizations to shun him.

"Whenever a rat is exposed by his stupidity or by our work, that strengthens our position."

"In the past, industry, such as steel and coal companies, financed stool pigeons. Now it is apparent the companies do not have to hire them anymore, they are subsidized by the government."

Nelson failed to explain why the Communist leaders gave Cvetic the job of destroying important records. They told him to take them out and burn them for fear they would fall into the hands of the FBI.

Cvetic gave the House Committee two bulging suitcases full of documented records.

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TOMORROW MAY BE TOO LATE

The month of February is notable in that two of the greatest men in our history were born in that month—Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. Both are remembered and revered not only in our nation but in countries that are enslaved as well.

George Washington is known as the father of our country because through his leadership we were freed from bondage to a foreign land. Lincoln is known for freeing this nation from slavery. Which of the two is greater is often argued, but never settled. Everyone agrees, however, both were saviours of our country.

Numerous speeches were made throughout the nation commemorating these two great Americans. Some of these eulogies are honest; others veiled and made for political effect. But they are soon detected as such and fall on dead ears.

Yesterday the President of the United States, Harry S. Truman, made a speech in which he praised George Washington. He delivered a stringent denunciation of Communism, stating force would be used if necessary to protect the American people and democracy. That was, of course, just a speech.

It is a well known fact that in the State Department, under the supervision of the President in a measure, it is reported there are fifty or seventy-five Communists operating from within this vital department. Secretary of State Dean Acheson, a short time ago revealed he would not turn his back on a former State Department employee convicted of perjury, proved in effect to be a traitor, Alger Hiss.

If it is true that all these Communists are infiltrating into our government circles, how can the American people feel safe? What assurance have we the government of the United States will not be taken over by these agents?

There is a definite danger existing in that the public generally is not awake to this fact and does not understand the situation. By further evidence it is shown the Senate, comprised of both American Republicans and Democrats, ordered a probe of the State Department on charges that Red spies are operating within it.

Such an order is unprecedented in our history. The situation must be bad. It must be dangerous when Senators from both parties by unanimous vote are going to look into the matter. So it can be assumed we are in danger in that respect.

Another recent report given out by the FBI, which verifies all it discloses, is that in 1949 there were 800 Communists operating in Western Pennsylvania. A Pittsburgh insurance man named Cvetic gathered this information, working in cooperation with the FBI. He has facts, figures and names to back his statements and is now making them known to the House.

It would seem neither the State Department nor the government, both of which have full authority, is doing anything about these subversive activities. These Communists, of course, control many votes. Further it was disclosed in

addition to the 800 Communists revealed in Pennsylvania, there are thousands in Los Angeles and other parts operating against the government.

In the great state of Washington it would seem the Communists are in the woods, the wives and women having all kinds of stores and preaching Communism.

Unless something is done before long these Communists will take over. Reports show this to be no idle warning.

Anyone attending either the Republican or Democratic National conventions in Philadelphia saw a first-hand account of the way the Reds work. Followers of the Wallace party as well as others paraded through the streets carrying red and white banners, shouting and generally creating a disturbance. They were not delegates to any convention—just rabble-rousers trying to break up the Republican or Democratic convention. Finally the police restored order so the delegates could proceed. We know that personally.

If the President is in earnest and he really meant his speech made on Washington's birthday he will start a complete investigation at once. He will go further—he will give the Communists the same type of treatment Americans are receiving in foreign lands when arrested. There should be no prolonging of cases and hearings into months and years.

It is disclosed agents in Bulgaria beat and tortured many clergymen forced into the Red union. All reports show when an American is arrested in any Communist country, he has no chance. He is tortured, placed in a dungeon, given only bread and water. Finally he is forced to confess any charges of which he may be accused, even though he probably is not guilty. But torture a person enough and he will confess to anything. How many have been killed, how many have been sent to Siberia no one knows.

The American government should start now and protect American clergymen or religious representatives in foreign lands. We should not wait until these Communists get so strong that we cannot subdue them. We can do it now. We can put each and every Communist in this nation on a boat and ship him to where he belongs. They should not be permitted to destroy this country.

The only question is will the administration act before it is too late, or just continue to make speeches and threats to which the Communists pay no attention.

It was once said by a great leader the only thing the Reds know is strength and force—powder, lead, bombs in the air, under the seas, on the seas. They should be taught that American citizens are not going to be destroyed by persons not fit to live on this earth.

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Daily Worker Admits Cvetic Was FBI Man

Red Paper Calls
Him 'Stoolpigeon'

It's official—Matt Cvetic was working for the FBI during the years he was a member of the Communist Party.

At least, it's official with the Communist Party. The Party's official organ, The Daily Worker, says he was an FBI man.

The Daily Worker, however, doesn't use language quite that polite. It calls Mr. Cvetic, in the usual Communist lingo—a "stoolpigeon."

Second Verification

Verification of Mr. Cvetic's story by the Communist paper was the second to come from official Communist sources. The first came from Steve Nelson, Western Pennsylvania Party chairman, who said he had known for the past six months that Mr. Cvetic was working for the FBI. The FBI hasn't commented.

The Daily Worker, in a story published yesterday, charged that the Washington hearings, in which Mr. Cvetic testified before the House Un-American Activities Committee, were "carefully staged by the FBI and the Committee."

Paper's Charge

The hearings were timed so that the Communist disclosures of Mr. Cvetic would come just before the opening of the Progressive Party's convention today in Chicago, the Red paper charged. The Daily Worker is an ardent supporter of the Progressive Party.

The same thing happened in 1948, when the National Board of the Communist Party was arrested just before the convention at which the Progressive Party nominated Henry A. Wallace for President. The Daily Worker claimed.

Eleven of the 12 members of the Communist Party's U. S. Politburo were convicted of conspiracy to teach and advocate overthrow of the U. S. Government by force and violence, after



—Acme Telephoto

80 POUNDS OF COMMIE DATA—Matthew Cvetic (standing), an FBI undercover man in the Communist Party for nine years, yesterday wound up the first phase of his testimony before the House Un-American Activities Committee. He then turned 80 pounds of records over to Chairman Francis E. Easton Democrat, for further investigation.

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**Maybe U. S. Commies
Will Get Discouraged**

Editor, The Pittsburgh Press:

I couldn't help chuckling
over the recent disclosure that
a top Communist official in
Pittsburgh was an FBI agent.

At this rate I can foresee the
early break-up of the Com-
munist Party in this country,
with many of its members
quitting in disgust on the
grounds that it has become an
FBI movement.

ABE LIEBMAN

1018 Stanton Terrace.

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Pittsburgh, Pa.
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MEMO: SAC

RE: CNDI C-113;
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On 2-17-50 a copy of the broadcast and transcript entitled "BOB PORTER" and cover letter were delivered by the writer to the Bureau and handed personally to [redacted], Night Supervisor, H. B. FLETCHER's Office, Department of Justice Building.

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[redacted] stated that the Washington Field Office had received information, through an informant, that C-113 was scheduled to appear at 10:30 AM the following morning at a hearing before the HCUA.

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At 10:30 AM, 2-18-50, prior to the writer's return to Pittsburgh, [redacted] Saturday Day Supervisor, H. B. FLETCHER's office, was contacted and he stated that there was no additional information regarding C-113.

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March 2, 1950

MEMO, SAC:

RE: MATTHEW CVETIC
CNDI C-113

For inclusion in the file of this former confidential informant of the Pittsburgh Office, there is attached hereto a Transcript of Testimony and Deposition obtained from him under the pseudonym of BOB PORTER on February 7, 1950 by Mr. BLAIR F. GUNTHER, Judge of the Allegheny County Court; HARRY ALLEN SHERMAN, Attorney; Mr. ROBERT TAYLOR, "Pittsburgh Press;" and Mr. WILLIAM BURNS of Radio Station KQV. This transcript of testimony summarizes the work of CVETIC as an under-cover agent in the Communist Party. There is also attached a copy of a statement CVETIC was scheduled to give in a special radio broadcast. Up until this time, no information has been received that this radio statement has been given by CVETIC.

Both of the attached items were furnished the Pittsburgh Office by former Special Agent

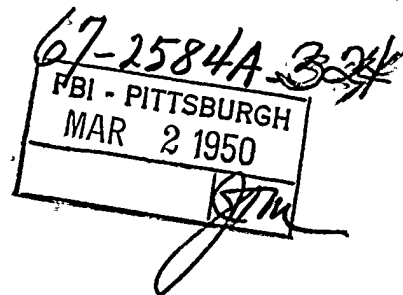
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THIS SPECIAL BROADCAST TONIGHT IS BEING AILED IN THE HOPE THAT YOU THE LISTENING PUBLIC WILL BECOME MORE AWARE OF THE DANGERS AND THE WORKINGS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY. THE DANGERS TO OUR WAY OF LIFE, AND WHAT THE COMMUNIST PARTY HOPES TO ACHIEVE HERE IN THE UNITED STATES.

MUCH OF WHAT YOU WILL HEAR ON THIS BROADCAST CENTERED AND STILL CENTERS RIGHT HERE IN THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH. IT'S NOT IN BOSTON, NEW YORK OR LONDON, BUT RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER.....RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER FROM YOUR HOME.

THIS IS COMMUNISM IN OUR OWN BACKYARD. COMMUNISM AND ITS STAB YOU IN THE BACK METHOD OF OPERATING.

TONIGHT'S BROADCAST IS TOLD BY A MAN WHO BY HIS OWN SWORN TESTIMONY WAS AN UNDERCOVER AGENT FOR THE F.B.I., FOR NINE YEARS, AND WHO FOR SEVEN OF THESE YEARS WAS AN OFFICIAL OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN PITTSBURGH.

HIS NAME IS MATT CVETIC. HE IS FORTY YEARS OF AGE, AND FOR MANY OF THE YEARS THAT HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY MATT CVETIC HELD DOWN A POSITION AT THE UNITED STATES EMPLOYMENT SERVICE, IN FACT HE WAS IN THE PLACEMENT SERVICE DEPARTMENT.

CVETIC'S STORY OF BEING A COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBER AND AT THE SAME TIME INFORMING THE F.B.I. OF WHAT THE COMMIES WERE DOING RIVALS ANY FICTIONAL THRILLER ON THE RADIO. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO BRING YOU THE ENTIRE TALE IN THIRTY MINUTES, BUT YOU WILL HEAR HOW THE COMMUNISTS ARE TRYING TO INFILTRATE OUR STEEL MILLS, OUR COAL MINES, OUR ELECTRIC POWER PLANTS, AND HOW THEY ARE TRYING TO INFILTRATE THE MINDS OF OUR YOUTH.....

YOU WILL HEAR MATT CVETIC TELL HOW THE COMMUNISTS LOCK UPON US AS SUCKERS, HOW STEVE NELSON COMMIE BOSS IN WESTERN PENNA., SPOKE ABOUT THE UNITED STATES AS THE ENEMY.

CVETIC TESTIFIED TODAY BEFORE THE HOUSE UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE IN WASHINGTON. HE NAMED NAMES AND PLACES. WITH HIS JOB COMPLETED AS AN UNDERCOVER AGENT CVETIC WAS PREVAILED UPON TO GO BEFORE THE UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE AND TESTIFY ON COMMUNISM.

CVETIC WHO HAS BEEN LEADING A DOUBLE LIFE FOR THE PAST NINE YEARS WAS PREVAILED UPON TO COME OUT IN THE OPEN BY JUDGE BLAIR F. GUNTHER AND ATTORNEY HARRY ALAN SHERMAN. ALONG WITH JUDGE GUNTHER AND MR. SHERMAN, ROBERT TAYLOR OF THE PITTSBURGH PRESS AND I LISTENED TO CVETIC TELL ABOUT THOSE YEARS.....YEARS IN WHICH THE COMMUNISTS THOUGHT CVETIC WAS A BOSOM BUDDY, AN EFFICIENT COMRADE, WHERE IN TRUTH HE WAS REVEALING ALL OF THEIR SECRETS TO A GOVERNMENT AGENCY, AND ALL OF THE TIME WAS A TRUE AND PATRIOTIC CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES.

WHEN CVETIC WAS FIRST APPROACHED BY THE GOVERNMENT AGENCY HE WAS NOT A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY.....HE HAD APPLIED FOR ARMY INTELLIGENCE WORK BUT WAS TURNED DOWN BECAUSE OF PHYSICAL DISABILITIES.

HE WAS WORKING AT HIS JOB IN THE UNITED STATES EMPLOYMENT SERVICE. AS CVETIC PUTS IT THE GOVERNMENT CONTACTED HIM...TOLD HIM THEY WOULD LIKE HIM TO WORK AS AN UNDERCOVER MAN, JOIN THE COMMUNIST PARTY, AND WORK HIS WAY WITHIN THE PARTY SYSTEM. CVETIC DECIDED TO DO IT. THIS WAS IN 1941. BUT IT TOOK TWO YEARS, IT TOOK UNTIL FEBRUARY 1943 BEFORE HE BECAME AN ACTUAL CARD HOLDING MEMBER IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY.....

THE COMMUNISTS REALIZED OR SHALL WE SAY THEY THOUGHT THEY HAD A GOOD THING IN MATT CVETIC....HERE HE WAS WORKING IN THE UNITED STATES EMPLOYMENT SERVICE....HE COULD PLACE PARTY MEMBERS IN INDUSTRIAL JOBS....

THIS CVETIC ACTUALLY DID, BUT ALWAYS REPORTING THIS TO THE GOVERNMENT AGENCY FOR WHOM HE WORKED....AND OF COURSE EACH ONE OF THE COMMUNISTS WHO WAS PLACED IN AN INDUSTRIAL JOB WAS WATCHED LIKE A HAWK. CVETIC CLIMBED RATHER RAPIDLY IN LOCAL COMMUNIST RANKS....HE IS OF SLOVENE EXTRACTION.... THE COMMUNISTS MADE HIM TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN THE AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS....

HE WAS PLACED ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN PITTSBURGH....BECAME AN ORGANIZER OF HIS OWN BRANCH....WAS USED TO HELP ORGANIZE OTHER BRANCHES....SAT IN ON STRATEGY MEETINGS WITH ROY HUDSON, ONE TIME PARTY CHAIRMAN IN WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA, AND SAT IN ON MANY SUCH MEETINGS WITH STEVE NELSON WHO IS NOW CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA....THIS IS THE SAME STEVE NELSON WHO HAS BEEN ACCUSED OF PASSING ATOM SECRETS FROM A SCIENTIST ON OVER TO THE RUSSIANS.....

THIS WAS A NERVE WRACKING LIFE TO MATT CVETIC, HE TELLS US OF SOME OF HIS FEELINGS DURING THE PAST NINE YEARS. FOR INSTANCE HE SAYS,

(CVETIC) AT FIRST I WAS SCARED TO DEATH.....I REMEMBER MY FIRST PARTY

MEETING AT THE ON THE SOUTHSIDE.....I ALMOST DIDN'T MAKE IT.

WHEN I TOOK ON THIS JOB I WAS TOLD BY THE GOVERNMENT THAT I COULD DO MORE GOOD THAN A REGIMENT OF SOLDIERS, DO MORE GOOD FOR MY COUNTRY. IT WASN'T EASY, IT COST ME MY HOME AND MY FAMILY PLUS MANY OF MY FRIENDS. I NOT ONLY CARRIED THE STIGMA OF BEING A COMMUNIST BUT I HAD TO BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL THAT I DIDN'T REVEAL MY TRUE WORK AS AN UNDERCOVER AGENT. SOME NIGHTS IT

WAS PRETTY HARD TO SLEEP, AND I'LL TELL YOU IT HAS MADE ME A NERVOUS WRECK. HOWEVER, JUDGE GUNTHER TOLD ME THAT NOW WAS THE TIME TO MAKE THE BREAK.... THAT MY UNDERCOVER WORK FOR THE GOVERNMENT HAD REACHED ITS PEAK AND THAT I COULD DO MORE GOOD FOR MY COUNTRY RIGHT NOW BY TESTIFYING BEFORE THE HOUSE UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE.....

BURNS: MATT CVETIC WAS CONSIDERED A GOOD CATCH BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY. HE HAD ACCESS TO JOBS IN INDUSTRIAL PLANTS.....HE COULD PLACE THE COMMIES RIGHT IN OUR WAR PLANTS.....CVETIC SAYS,

CVETIC: I WAS CONSIDERED AN ALL RIGHT GUY.....BEFORE I OFFICIALLY JOINED THE COMMUNIST PARTY I ACTED IN SYMPATHY WITH THEIR CAUSE....GAINED THEIR CONFIDENCE. PLACED KNOWN COMMUNISTS IN INDUSTRIAL JOBS, AND PROMPTLY INFORMED THE GOVERNMENT. IT WAS CAT AND MOUSE, BUT IT WORKED. I PLAYED HARD TO GET BEFORE BECOMING AN ACTUAL PARTY MEMBER.

IN FEBRUARY OF 1943 I WAS ASKED TO ATTEND A COMMUNIST PARTY RALLY AT FIFTH AVENUE HIGH SCHOOL. THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKER WAS ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY. AFTER LISTENING TO HER SPEECH I SIGNED AN APPLICATION TO BECOME A PARTY MEMBER, AND ABOUT TWO WEEKS LATER BECAME A FULL FLEDGED MEMBER WITH A PARTY CARD.

I WAS PLACED IN WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE PROFESSIONAL BRANCH OF THE PARTY HERE IN PITTSBURGH. I WAS OF SLOVENE EXTRACTION AND THE COMMUNISTS TOLD ME THAT MUCH OF MY WORK WOULD BE IN THE NATIONALITY FIELD, WORK AMONG THE SLOVENES, AND URGE THEM TO FOLLOW THE PARTY LINE. I BECAME AN ELECTED MEMBER OF THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, AND WAS ELECTED TO THIS COMMITTEE AT A MEETING HELD AT THE CARNEGIE HALL ON THE NORTHSIDE.

BURNS: MATT CVETIC WAS TRUSTED WITH MORE AND MORE JOBS AS HE WORKED HIS WAY INTO THE INNER CIRCLES OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY. HE BECAME A TRUSTED MEMBER OF THE NATIONALITY COMMISSION. SAT IN ON STRATEGY MEETINGS AND MANY TIMES WAS EMPOWERED TO CALL SECRET MEETINGS OF THE NATIONALITY COMMISSION IN THIS CITY.

CVETIC SAYS THE MEETINGS WERE CONSIDERED SO SECRET NOT EVEN THE MAIL WAS TRUSTED....

CVETIC: THE MAILS WERE NOT TRUSTED WITH NOTICES. I WOULD EITHER CALL THE MEMBERS BY PHONE OR GO SEE THEM PERSONALLY TO TELL THEM WE WERE HAVING A SPECIAL MEETING. THESE SO CALLED SPECIAL OR STRATEGY MEETINGS ARE DIFFERENT FROM THE COMMUNIST RALLIES HELD IN PUBLIC HALLS. AT THESE LARGE RALLIES NOTHING OF SECRET NATURE IS DISCUSSED, AND THEY ARE MORE TO GAIN PUBLICITY THAN FOR ANYTHING ELSE.

WE HELD SECRET MEETINGS AT 1916 EAST STREET ON THE NORTHSIDE, AT THE UKRAINIAN HALL ON THE SOUTHSIDE AND SOMETIMES IN THE BAKWELL BUILDING DOWNTOWN. WHEN ROY HUDSON WAS SENT HERE AS WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAIRMAN I WAS PLACED ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, AND PLAYED A LEADING ROLE IN ORGANIZING AFFAIRS FOR THE PARTY.

BURNS: AS AN ACTIVE PARTY MEMBER DID MATT CVETIC PARTAKE IN DISCUSSIONS DEALING WITH THE VIOLENT OVERTHROW OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.... LET'S LISTEN TO HIM TELL IT.

CVETIC: WE HAD SPECIAL CLASSES AT 440 WOOD STREET. WE WERE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THESE CLASSES. THE CLASSES WERE TAKEN UP WITH THE TEACHINGS OF MARX AND LENIN. OF COURSE ANYONE WHO HAS EVER READ MARX OR LENIN KNOWS THAT PARAGRAPH AFTER PARAGRAPH IN THEIR BOOKS TEACH VIOLENT OVERTHROW OF A GOVERNMENT BY FORCE. HOWEVER THE PARTY WAS CAGEY ABOUT TALK OF OVERTHROWING THE GOVERNMENT. THE PARTY WAS AFRAID OF BEING PINNED DOWN ON THIS ONE.

FOR INSTANCE AT ONE OF THE CLASSES I ATTENDED, WILLIAM ALBERTSON WAS THE INSTRUCTOR. ALBERTSON USED TO LIVE IN PITTSBURGH, AND WENT TO SCHOOL AT PITT. ALBERTSON IS HIGHLY REGARDED BY THE PARTY AND HAS BEEN MOVED AS AN ORGANIZER TO NEW YORK CITY.

ONE OF THE BOOKS WE USED AS A TEXT AT THESE CLASSES WAS THEORY AND PRACTICE OF COMMUNISM. OTHER BOOKS WERE LAID DOWN AS MUST READING, BOOKS SUCH AS STATE AND REVOLUTION, COMMUNIST MANIFESTO, HISTORY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION.

I WISH TO REMARK HERE THAT THESE BOOKS ARE SPECIFICALLY WRITTEN FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADVANCING A REVOLUTION AND EDUCATING THE COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS FOR THEIR ROLE, WHICH IS TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT AND ESTABLISH A DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT.

BURNS: MATT CVETIC NAMES SOME COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS WHO WERE OUTSPOKEN AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

CVETIC: I WILL QUOTE JIM DOLESON WHO IS A LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DAILY WORKER. IN AUGUST OF 1948 DOLESON STATED TO ME AND I QUOTE HIM, "I DON'T SEE HOW WE CAN HAVE A SUCCESSFUL REVOLUTION IN THIS COUNTRY WITHOUT GETTING

CONTROL OF THE STEEL, COAL AND ELECTRICAL INDUSTRIES IN PITTSBURGH, ANOTHER STATEMENT ALONG THESE LINES WAS MADE BY WILLIAM GORDON WHO WAS BROUGHT HERE BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY TO ORGANIZE THE STEEL WORKERS. ONE NIGHT AFTER A MEETING AT 943 LIBERTY AVENUE, GORDON SAID TO ME, IF WE MOVE PITTSBURGH AN INCH WE CAN MOVE THE COUNTRY A MILE. I BRING THIS OUT TO SHOW IN WHAT ESTIMATION THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE UNITED STATES HOLDS PITTSBURGH AND WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA. I HAVE HEARD STEVE NELSON REFER TO THE UNITED STATES AS THE ENEMY, AND WILL ELABORATE ON THAT A LITTLE LATER. I EMPHASIZE AT THIS POINT THAT THE NATIONAL COMMUNIST PARTY RECOGNIZES WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA AS A STRATEGIC AND FOCAL POINT IN THE COMMUNIST REVOLUTION. HENRY WINSTON ONE OF THE ELEVEN COMMUNISTS CONVICTED IN NEW YORK STRESSED THIS POINT AT A MEETING HERE IN PITTSBURGH.

WINSTON SAID THE NATIONAL BOARD OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY WAS SENDING ITS BEST ORGANIZERS INTO THIS AREA TO CARRY ON THE WORK AMONG THE STEEL WORKERS, THE MINERS, THE ELECTRICAL WORKERS AND THE YOUTH. THAT IS WHY STEVE NELSON WAS SELECTED AS CHAIRMAN FOR WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA.

THE DUQUESNE, HOMESTEAD AND BRADDOCK AREA HAS BEEN SELECTED AS A CONCENTRATION AREA BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY....THE COMMUNISTS WORK TO INFILTRATE THE UNIONS....TRY TO GET MEMBERS IN AS SHOP STEWARDS, GET THEM JOBS AS OFFICE CLERKS, GET THEM IN ANYWHERE SO THEY CAN KEEP AN EYE ON INDUSTRY.

THE COMMUNIST PARTY HAS AN INTENSE INTEREST IN TRADE UNIONS. THE PARTY BELIEVES THAT UNIONS CAN BE USED AS A BASIS FOR REVOLUTION. THE PARTY

IS NOT ONLY INTERESTED IN STEEL AND COAL AND SO ON BUT IN ALL UNIONS.

FOR EXAMPLE RIGHT HERE IN PITTSBURGH THE COMMUNIST PARTY IS TRYING ITS

BEST TO TAKE OVER THE UNION COMPRISING THE HOTEL AND RESTAURANT WORKERS....

IN FACT TWO CARD CARRYING PARTY MEMBERS ARE NOW OFFICIALS OF THIS UNION....

BURNS: ACCORDING TO CVETIC WE ARE LOOKED UPON AS SUCKERS HERE IN THE UNITED STATES. LOOKED UPON AS SUCKERS BY HIGH LEADERS IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY, MEN SUCH AS STEVE NELSON WHO CONTROLS THE COMMUNISTS IN PITTSBURGH AND PENNSYLVANIA.

CVETIC: I HAVE OFTEN HEARD STEVE NELSON REFER TO THIS THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AS THE ENEMY. AT ONE TIME NELSON AND I GOT TO TALKING ABOUT CHINA, AND THE HELP BEING GIVEN TO CHINA BY THE UNITED STATES. NELSON SAID. "WE SHOULD TAKE ALL THE MONEY, MACHINERY AND WHATEVER ELSE WE CAN GET FROM THE SUCKERS OVER HERE, IT WILL HELP QUICKEN THE FIGHT OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT IN CHINA. NELSON ADDED THAT IT WOULD ALSO HELP QUICKEN THE REVOLUTION IN AMERICA....

BURNS: HOW DOES THE COMMUNIST PARTY OPERATE? HOW DOES IT SPREAD, IN WHAT WAY IS IT FORMED.... CVETIC SAYS IT'S SIMILAR TO A SPIDER WEB, FANS OUT FROM CELL TO CELL AND BRANCH TO BRANCH.

ORGANIZED SIMILAR TO OUR CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS, ACCORDING TO

CVETIC....

CVETIC: THE COMMUNIST PARTY IS CONCENTRATING ON ORGANIZED WORK. FOR INSTANCE MASS ORGANIZATION IN THE PROGRESSIVE PARTY. EACH COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBER IS

EXPECTED TO BE ACTIVE IN HIS PROGRESSIVE CLUB.

NOW HERE IS THE MAKEUP OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY HERE AT THE PRESENT TIME. WE HAVE A DISTRICT BOARD, A DISTRICT COMMITTEE, WE HAVE BRANCHES, WE HAVE SECTIONS. WE HAVE THE NORTHSIDE SECTION, THE STEEL SECTION, THE MINING SECTION, PROFESSIONAL SECTION AND SO ON.

THEN THE PARTY IS BROKEN DOWN INTO CLUBS AND BRANCHES AND THESE CLUBS AND BRANCHES ARE BROKEN DOWN INTO GROUPS OF FIVE FOR SECURITY REASONS. NO CARDS ARE ISSUED NOW BECAUSE OF SECURITY REASONS. THE RECENT CRACKDOWN ON THE ELEVEN COMMUNISTS IN NEW YORK AND THE TESTIMONY AT THEIR TRIAL HAS GIVEN THE COMMUNIST PARTY QUITE A SCARE.

Pittsburgh, Pa.
March 4, 1950

MEMO, SAC:

RE: MATTHEW CVETIC
CNDI C-113 (Former)

This memorandum is submitted to account for the reported eighty pounds of material re The American Slav Congress and The Civil Rights Congress which newspaper reports indicate captioned informant furnished to the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

It is noted, as reflected in Serial 294 of instant file, that CVETIC, of his own volition, telephonically contacted the writer on February 1, 1950, subsequent to his discontinuance by this office. During the course of conversation on that date, CVETIC stated that within a few days he intended to "clean out" the American Slav Congress files at 943 Liberty Avenue and destroy same; that if this office had any use for these files, which he described as "old stuff" and "junk", he would furnish same. The writer advised CVETIC that this office was interested in this material and would be glad to accept same if he would make it available voluntarily. (It is noted that the Bureau had advised at the time of CVETIC's discontinuance that no further contact was to be had with him.)

CVETIC stated that he would secure the above material within a few days and that he would thereafter contact this office and arrange to turn same over to this office. It is noted that CVETIC made no further contact with the writer, telephonically or otherwise, after February 1, 1950.

It is further noted that on no occasion, after his discontinuance on January 23, 1950, did this writer seek further contact with CVETIC - this policy being in accord with Bulet to Pittsburgh, 1-18-50. The telephonic contact on February 1, 1950 as well as those contacts on January 25, 26 and 30, 1950 (as set out in Serial 294) were initiated by CVETIC of his own volition.

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TO : SAC

FROM : THOMAS T. WILKINSON

SUBJECT: C-113

DATE: March 11, 1950

Mr. JAMES MOORE, City Desk, Sun Telegraph, called at 8:55 AM, and requested to talk with Mr. THORNTON. Mr. MOORE was recontacted and advised that at 3:00 AM, on March 11, 1950, while on the city desk he received a telephone call in which the caller stated to call "MATTY" and tell him to "shut up or we will do it for him". Mr. MOORE inquired by who he meant by "we" the caller then hung up. MOORE believed the caller who did not give his name was referring to MATT CVETIC. He said he advised JACKSON JONES of the HUAC. He also said that he attempted to locate CVETIC to advise him and arrange for police protection for him.

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UNDERCOVER WAR ON SPIES

IT is the old story of fighting fire with fire.

And there has been no more dramatic example of the wisdom of that policy than the story of Matt Cvetic (pronounced SA-VET-ick).

For nine years Mr. Cvetic posed as a Communist. He carried out his pose so well that he became one of the "leaders" of the local Communist organization. He was an insider among the insiders.

He went so far with his disguise that when the Commies were hunting the "stoop pigeon" in their midst, he took a hand in the hunt, although he actually was the man they were trying to smoke out.

Mr. Cvetic, in fulfilling his mission, went to the extreme of deceiving even his family. He had no personal friends outside the pseudo-friends in Communist circles. He could not live a normal life. He took long chances with his personal safety—and certainly with his personal reputation.

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Now that he is in a position to take off the mask and reveal the truth about himself, now that his work can be turned to fruitful results, he can assume some of the proportions of a hero.

But it must have been a long nine years. It must be wearying to forever live under the necessity of deliberating over every move, every word, every association, every personal habit.

But the Cvetic story is an example of an unlimited amount of similar work which is going on in this country—work made necessary by the subversive activities of altogether too many treasonable citizens, plus the spying invasion of countless foreigners loosely permitted to roam the country.

It is evidence that one branch of the Government, at least, has not been asleep.

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The dramatic story of Mr. Cvetic again demonstrates the scope of the subversive campaign being waged by Russian sympathizers in the U. S.

It shows as much as any story yet revealed the compactness of their organization, the discipline it exacts and the wide range of activities by which they seek to disrupt, confuse, belittle and sabotage American life.

It is a story to wake up Americans.

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Cvetic to Return Here Unafraid

From Press Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 — Matt Cvetic said today he plans "to go back" to Pittsburgh after awhile. He said he's not afraid of any Communists.

Asked whether he feared returning to "meet your erstwhile comrades" — on whom he spied for nine years for the Government — Mr. Cvetic smiled and replied:

"I'm not going back there right away. But eventually I plan to go back."

"I went into this thing without fear and I'm not afraid now. Any American who is afraid of a Commie is not worthy to be an American."

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BOARD MEMBER URGES: Bar Red Meetings In Schools Here

William J. Hart, member of the School Board and CIO United Steelworkers official, yesterday demanded that Communists and other subversive groups be barred from meeting in public schools.

Hart said he will offer a resolution at the next meeting of the School Board, March 21, to prohibit the use of city school buildings to all subversive groups.

Hart declared:

"It is time we stopped subsidizing the Communists by permitting them to use taxpayers' property to subvert the taxpayers' government."

"There is no reason we should allow subversive organizations to use school buildings when their avowed purpose is to destroy these very educational facilities."

Hart's demand resulted from the testimony of Matt Cvetic, ex-FBI undercover man, before the House Un-American Activities Committee in Washington last week.

Cvetic testified the Communists and many of their front organizations meet frequently in Pittsburgh public schools. The disclosure surprised some of the congressmen.

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Amvets Here Cite Cvetic for Expose

Americanism Award Urged for FBI Job

The Allegheny County Council of Amvets announced yesterday it had cited Matt Cvetic for a special Americanism award.

Joseph Lavery, County commander of the World War II veterans' organization, said the Council unanimously passed a resolution Friday night to commend Mr. Cvetic for "a job well done."

FBI Work Cited

Mr. Cvetic worked as an undercover man for the FBI in Communist circles here for nine years and acted the role of a party member for the past seven years.

The County Council recommended that the Amvets State Americanism Award be given Mr. Cvetic "in recognition of services to and sacrifices for his country." Mr. Lavery said he's sure the State officials will issue the award next month.

Unmasked Reds

The resolution said Mr. Cvetic "voluntarily and willingly accepted an assignment to perform certain tasks for our country" which "included the ferreting out and unmasking of the members of the Communist Party."

"Performance of these duties," it continued, "often entailed considerable personal danger and constantly put Mr. Cvetic in such unfavorable light with the true American public that he suffered the loss of respect and friendship of his neighbors and acquaintances."

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Smear Drive On Cvetic Goes to Court

Wallace Digs Up Assault Case

The smear campaign against Matt Cvetic, former FBI undercover man in Communist circles here, moved into court today.

Alexander Wright, regional director of Henry Wallace's Progressive Party, demanded the court give him a photostatic copy of an assault and battery case involving Mr. Cvetic almost 11 years ago.

Wright, who was named by Mr. Cvetic as a member of the Communist Party, told newsmen:

"We want to bring out what kind of guy Cvetic is."

The case, according to the records, was brought against Mr. Cvetic by Anna M. Barsh, living then in Maplewood Ave. It charged he struck her and knocked her down.

The records show the whole thing was dropped when Mr. Cvetic agreed to pay her \$340.

Judge John P. Egan said Wright, of 558 Morgan St., could have one copy after Assistant District Attorney Robert van der Voort explained "it's a public record."

When asked by reporters whether he is a Communist, Wright replied, "Do I ask you if you are a Catholic or a Protestant or a Jew?" He added he's a member of the Progressive Party, which he said believes in "progressive capitalism."

Wright was represented by Attorney Hymen Schlesinger, also named under oath before the House Un-American Activities Committee by Mr. Cvetic as a member of the Communist Party. Schlesinger said the Progressive Party wants to give a copy of the Cvetic court record "to each newspaper to publish it."

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Mr. Matt Cvetic, (FBI) Agent
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mr. Cvetic:

I am taken this opportunity of sending you a few words to call your attention, to pick up some of your reports which you have left of. "For example" (The International Workers Order, The Greek American Tribune, 132 E. 14, St New York, The Proodos Publishing Co, Inc. And the Proodos Book Division of the same address, also the Hellenick American Youth Division, The Young Hellenick American Van Gaurds, of New York, also these Organizations they have office in the large cities, in the Country, and there are a Communist Organizations, and also they are affiliated with use.

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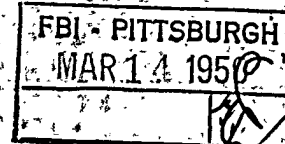
FROM Clerk,

RE MATTHEW CVETIC

At approximately 9:30pm, this date, Judge MUSMANO called asking if this office could give him the present address of MATTHEW CVETIC in Washington, D. C. Writer told the Judge that he would contact his supervisor and call him back. ASAC Powers advised that we do not have the information and suggested that the Judge call the House Un-American Activities Committee in Washington, D. C. Writer relayed this information to the Judge and upon hearing same, he became indignant and said that he would call Mr. HOOVER in Wash., D. C. himself, because he did not like the 'closed-door' policy that was used by this Bureau.

The Judge called about 15 minutes later and stated that he had called Wash., D. C. and they informed him that they would call Mr. Thornton in Pittsburgh. Judge MUSMANO gave his telephone # as COURT 1-6600 and asked that we call him in the event that we received the information that he had asked for.

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MATT CVETIC APPEARS BEFORE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

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C. P. Statement on Stoolpigeon Cvetic

BIG BUSINESS has launched a vicious campaign to smash the just demands of the miners in order to destroy American labor. They are also attempting to smash the Communist Party in order to destroy American democracy. For that reason they announced last Saturday through one of their reactionary political stooges, Judge Blair S. Gunther, that they had been able to get Matt Cvetic to sell himself as a cheap stoolpigeon to help them accomplish these treasonous objectives. They chose Saturday to make the announcement because they knew the Communist Party had gotten the goods on Cvetic and was about to expose him for the Judas that he was.

The main revelation made by Cvetic is not about the Communist Party but about himself and the reactionary masters he serves. The most serious accusation made by Cvetic is that the Communist Party worked to bring about the defeat of ex-Congressman John McDowell in the 1948 Congressional election. We are proud to declare that we contributed our modest share in achieving this objective which we held in common with the vast majority of the voters in the 29 Congressional District.

Matt Cvetic's association with Mr. McDowell and Judge Blair S. Gunther is a true measure of how phony Cvetic's patriotism is. Mr. McDowell is a foremost advocate of the Taft-Hartley law, described by Phil Murray, head of the CIO, as "The first big step toward fascism in these United States." Mr. McDowell was a leading member of the infamous House Un-American Committee, condemned by Franklin D. Roosevelt and the entire American labor movement as a menace to our democracy. Mr. McDowell is openly known as a bigot prejudiced against the Negro, Jewish and Slav peoples. It is because Mr. McDowell stands for everything hostile to American democracy that he was so decidedly defeated in the 1948 election.

Reactionary politicians like Judge Gunther have become fearful that they may meet the same political fate as Mr. McDowell. They are also attempting to smash the Communist Party in order to bolster their waning political fortunes. They intend to use Cvetic in the 1950 and 1952 elections as a weapon against every progressive or liberal candidate regardless of what Party he may be affiliated with. Honest-minded progressives and liberal Americans who get taken in by Cvetic's hysterical lying will find out quickly enough that they have only become suckers for Judge Gunther's reactionary political aims.

When Cvetic joined the Communist Party in 1943 its chairman was Hank Forbes, who left that year to join the Army and was killed in 1944 at the battle of Anzio. His commanding officer wrote that Forbes was an inspiration to every soldier and that his outfit had adopted the slogan "Get one for Hank."

While Hank Forbes went off to fight for his country against the fascist enemy, Cvetic, the great patriot, was getting a deferment from the draft enabling him to carry out his stoolpigeon activity which was a stab in the back of Hank Forbes and every American who served in the armed forces of the United States.

This raises a very serious question: what kind of a deal was made which permitted Matt Cvetic to escape serving his country so that he could lead the cheap and easy life of a stoolpigeon while millions of Americans including Communists were risking their all for their country?

Hitler tried to destroy world democracy under the smoke-screen of "Fighting Communism." He brought ruin and disaster to the world but he failed.

The name Matt Cvetic is now synonymous with stoolpigeons, the most loathsome word known to American labor and all who believe in democracy. No matter how many Matt Cvetic's reaction is able to buy, we have every confidence that the American people will not permit our democracy to be destroyed under the guise of a hysterical anti-Communist campaign.

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Cvetic Ready to Identify 200 More Reds in 5 Cities

By WILLIAM THEIS

International News Service

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Matthew Cvetic, ex-undercover FBI agent, estimated today he will be able to identify a couple of hundred additional Communist Party members from records he has given the House Un-American Activities Committee.

After completing a three-day public expose of Red activities, the 41-year-old Pittsburgher prepared to:

Testify before the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the Justice Department on some "specific cases"—a hunt that deportation action may be taken against some persons he named.

Work through the 80 pounds of documents from "Communist

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ist front organizations to sift out with committee investigators the names of other Communists. Cvetic said the records he furnished cover activities in Cleveland, New York, Chicago and Detroit, as well as Pittsburgh.

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Acting Chairman Walter (Dem.) of Pennsylvania closed the public hearings with a tribute to the "remarkable courage" he said Cvetic displayed in spending seven years as a Communist Party member while reporting Red activities secretly to the FBI. The witness in turn sounded his warning for all Americans: "The average American is interested in peace but the phoney peace drive organized by the Communist Party in the United States is organized for the sole purpose of disarming the American people in order to make it easier to bring communism to America."

ALTERED FIGURES

Cvetic told how Roy Hudson, district organizer of the Communist Party in Pittsburgh, had him take industrial employment figures from files of the U. S. Employment Service office in early 1946. The witness said he first consulted the FBI and, on their instructions, finally gave Hudson some altered figures.

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Wallace Asked Votes Of Reds, Says Cvetic

By WILLIAM THEIS

International News Service

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The House Un-American Activities Committee was told today that Henry Wallace conferred with two well-known Pittsburgh Communists in 1947 to seek votes for his Progressive Party.

The testimony was given by former FBI undercover agent Matthew Cvetic, 41, of Pittsburgh, who declared the Communist Party has approximately 550 members in Western Pennsylvania—all of them Progressive Party members.

Cvetic, who joined the Communist Party in 1943, told the House Committee that he and another well-known Communist Party member met with Wallace and C. B. "Beany" Baldwin, Wallace's campaign manager, in a Pittsburgh hotel on Nov. 11, 1947.

He said they were questioned at length by Wallace and Baldwin as to "how many Slav votes we can deliver for the Progressive Party in that area."

Cong. Walter (Dem.) of Pennsylvania asked if it was fair to

assume that the two Progressive Party leaders knew he and his companion were Communist Party members.

Cvetic replied:

"I'm assuming they are men of intelligence and knew it."

(On that occasion, Wallace was here for a speech at Syria Mosque in which he urged a friendlier approach to the Russian problem.)

(A year later, Wallace was here again for a speech at The Gardens during his unsuccessful campaign for the White House. Three eggs fell at his feet from a ventilator while he was speaking.)

The witness, in his second day of testimony on his nine-year role as a government agent, recalled that in the fall of 1946 William Z. Foster, Communist Party head, came to Pittsburgh and outlined the need for a new "People's Party."

He said the Communists in Western Pennsylvania set up a "political commission" to infiltrate the Progressive Party.

Cvetic said there were 4000 Progressive Party votes in that area in the last election.

Walter asked if Communists all were members of the Progressive Party.

Cvetic replied:

"Yes, all members of the Progressive Party."

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Said report set out that [] CP member from Lilly, Pa., had stated on February 22, 1950, that MATT CVETIC, the FBI stool pigeon, who was testifying before the HCUA, was very close to the Roman Catholic Church. [] had a brother who was a priest, and a sister who was a nun. [] stated that it was his belief that the CP leaders should have "gotten wise" to CVETIC.

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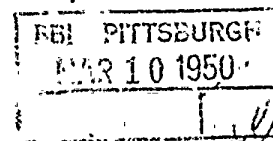
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FBI Recruited Cvetic After His Arrest

PITTSBURGH, March 2. — Records of the Alleghany County Court show that Matt Cvetic, the FBI's highly publicized labor spy, was indicted on a charge of assaulting a woman before he was recruited as a stoolpigeon.

The tip about the records came from a person indirectly involved in the assault case. The damning documents were brought out of the archives late last week at the demand of the Progressive Party of Pittsburgh, which Cvetic had been smearing.

The stool's sordid background came to light while Cvetic was denouncing the Daily Worker's part in the campaign to bring food to the striking miners.

Reactionary Congressmen had been landing his revelations of Communism in the coalfields and in the steel, U. E. and food unions here all week.

The Hearst and Roy Howard newspapers had been

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FBI HERO A WOMAN-BEATER

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splashing his slop in eight column headlines. And leaders of the Catholic War Veterans and the Amvets had been joining the chorus of praise for the FBI's labor spy.

The Pittsburgh Amvets had even given Cvetic an award as a "patriotic American."

Cvetic had made his so-called "revelations" from the witness stand of the House Un-American Committee in Washington. But he was careful

to keep three documents about his police record hidden.

Document No. 1 was the affidavit of Miss Anne M. Barsh, his wife's sister and a Pittsburgh school teacher. Miss Barsh told the Alleghany County Court in 1939 that Cvetic did "assault her with force and violence" on Feb. 18 of that year.

She said under oath that Cvetic had "thrown himself upon her, felled her to the floor and beaten her in the struggle until her right wrist was fractured."

Cvetic's wife divorced him later. "He might have been all right as an FBI man, but as a husband he was a total failure," she said last week.

Document No. 2 was the indictment of Cvetic on the assault charge. The Grand Jury of Alleghany County found a "true bill" on May 11, 1939.

Document No. 3 was an order of the court on Sept. 13, 1939, directing Cvetic to make "financial restitution" to his injured victim.

The case had been nolle prossed through a deal with the district

attorney. But the court did not permit prosecution to be dropped until Cvetic agreed to pay damages.

The court order directed Cvetic to pay Miss Barsh \$340 at the rate of \$20 a month, from late 1939 to 1941.

The FBI—which is constantly recruiting stool pigeons from persons in trouble with the police—put Cvetic on the payroll as an informer at the rate of \$20 a month.

His ex-wife, Mrs. Barbara B. Cvetic, said last week that two FBI men, who showed her their credentials, came to their home and told her that her husband was going on the FBI payroll at \$20 a month; the exact sum he had to pay as damages.

Cvetic was later to get more money. But this was his FBI start.

This is the background of the creature, whom Congressman Walter (D-Pa.) the acting chairman of the House Un-American Committee last week called a "courageous and patriotic American."

"We will deal with this nine-year spy record Monday."

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Slimy Trail of an FBI Hero

This court order by Judge Marshall required Matt Cvetic to pay \$340 damages at \$20 a month for his nocturnal assault on his sister-in-law Miss Anne M. Barsh. The FBI later reimbursed Cvetic when it put him on the payroll at the same rate of \$20 a month.

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By Art Shields:

PITTSBURGH, March 5. — Note the photostatic court record of a brutal assault case on this page.

The story of how the FBI recruited a young stoolpigeon named Matt Cvetic goes back to the attack on a defenseless young woman

that is described in these records. The assault was committed in Pittsburgh by a man who was to become the chief anti-Communist witness of the House Un-American Committee of Washington this year.

The assault was committed on

Feb. 18, 1939. But the FBI did not recruit him as a labor spy until 1941. By that time he had a good job in the U. S. Unemployment Service office in Pittsburgh. And the FBI was in a position to tell him to become an informer or

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The Slimy Trail of an FBI Hero

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to lose his government job. Matt Cvetic knew that his job wouldn't last if the records of his violent attack on his wife's sister were made public.

The FBI didn't need to pay a salary to this stoolpigeon. He was willing to betray his fellow workers as the price of his job. **\$20 A MONTH**

The FBI, however, let him have \$20 a month pocket money at first—increasing the sums later.

And they let this woman-beater carry a gun.

The gun permit was issued by the Alleghany County Sheriff's office with FBI approval.

Cvetic's first labor spy job was against his fellows in Government service. The FBI used him as an informer against the members of the CIO's State, County & Municipal Workers Union (afterwards the United Public Workers).

Cvetic's spy opportunities broadened when he was elected to the CIO's Steel City Industrial Union Council.

SPIED FOR YEARS

From this advantageous position he began stooling on officials and members of the CIO's United Steel Workers, whose national president is Philip Murray, and on the members of the militant United Elec-

trical Workers and other CIO unions.

Cvetic boasted to the House Un-American Committee that he had been spying on fellow CIO members for years.

He was looking for Communists, he said last week, as dozens of other labor spies used to say when they were called on the carpet by the La Follette investigating committee of the U. S. Senate years ago.

By "Communists" Cvetic meant all militant workers as well as members of the American Communist Party.

Cvetic had been spying on trade unions for some time when he acquired membership in the Communist Party by posing as a militant worker.

SPIED ON SLAV WORKERS

He next exploited his Yugoslav nationality as a member of the American Slav Congress. He joined that movement in 1944 when the Slav Congress was doing a wonderful job in uniting the Yugoslav, Czech and Slovak and Polish and other Slav people for the purpose of winning the war.

But Cvetic, the FBI spy, was looking ahead to the labor-busting days that the FBI was expecting after the war was over.

And his job as a labor spy was to finger the most militant Slav workers in the Pittsburgh area.

For the Slavs compose 50 percent or more of the coal miners and steel workers in this heavy industry heartland.

His spy work broadened after Hitler's defeat as the war on the unions and the Communist Party opened up wide.

The FBI was getting more money from the Government to bust labor organizations now than it ever got to investigate Nazis.

And Cvetic, the one-time \$20 a month stoolpigeon, was installed in a secret room in the Hotel William Penn, the swankiest hostelry in town, with the help of Manager Troy, who was in on the stool's secret.

He had dropped his Unemployment Service job a long while before. He was an "insurance" man now, he told the workers he met.

But doubts about him began to increase among progressive workers. And an investigation of this suspicious character had begun inside of the Communist Party under the direction of Steve Nelson, the chairman of the Pittsburgh district.

He was on his way out. And the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette has admitted editorially that Cvetic was no longer in a position of value to the FBI before he admitted his identity.

So Cvetic became a witness for the House Un-American Committee.

And day by day the Hearst and Ray Howard newspapers have been headlining his so-called revelations about Communism in the coal fields where progressive workers are bringing food to the strikers; "Communism" in steel; "Communism" in the food industry; and "Communism" in the big union of the United Electrical Workers in the Westinghouse plant at East Pittsburgh.

It is plain, said Charles Newell, international representative of the UE, that Cvetic's propaganda is part of a plot to swing the coming Labor Board election against UE.

And it is equally plain that Cvetic is being used to disrupt the miners' strike.

The uncovering of the Alleghany County Court records of his brutal assault against a helpless woman will not do these plans any good, however.

Cvetic Set To Name 150 More

By SAM FOGG

International News Service

WASHINGTON, March 10

Matt Cvetic, former FBI undercover agent, will take the stand Monday to identify publicly 150 more members of the Communist Party in the Pittsburgh district.

Cvetic was all set to take the stand again today in the Old House Office Bldg. when the House Un-American Activities Committee suddenly postponed the hearing due to a lack of a quorum.

Committee sources said Cvetic would make many of his new identifications from secret Communist Party records and documents he turned over to the House spy probes.

At three previous hearings, the Pittsburgh resident cited the names of 146 party members he knew in his role as a Communist. He disclosed his true identity as an agent planted in the party by the FBI two weeks ago when he unfolded his story to the House group.

RED GOAL

At that time, he testified extensively of Communist aims of infiltrating vital defense industries in Pittsburgh, including steel and the coal mines. He related how the Communists allegedly captured control of various front organizations such as the American Slav Congress and other foreign language groups and were active in establishing the Progressive Party.

Cvetic's new testimony will largely deal with information contained in 80 pounds of records he removed from Communist Party files. He testified that he was ordered to destroy the records by party leaders but succeeded in saving them for government inspection.

In addition, the House group was hopeful of hearing at a public session another secret FBI agent, George Dietze, who also posed as a Communist Party member in the Pittsburgh area.

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Cvetic to Name 140 More as Reds

Probers Postpone Scheduled Session

"Two listed as Reds lose jobs here," and "School's policy on Reds questioned." Stories on Page 6

By ROBERT TAYLOR
Pittsburgh Press Staff Writer
WASHINGTON, March 10—Matt Cvetic, former FBI undercover man, will take the stand Monday to list 140 more Pittsburghers as members of the Communist Party.

Mr. Cvetic was to resume public testimony in the case today. But shortly before noon the House Un-American Activities Committee postponed the hearing until Monday because it couldn't get its members together.

Compiled by Two

The ex-FBI aide, who wormed his way into the confidence of high Communist leaders, already has named 146 persons as active party workers in the Pittsburgh area.

The new names were compiled this week by Mr. Cvetic and George Dietze, another FBI counterspy, in closed sessions with the House committee.

They have been recorded in the committee files but won't be released publicly until Mr. Cvetic returns to the witness stand.

Mass of Evidence

Mr. Dietze, Mt. Lebanon jewelry engraver, uncloaked himself after Mr. Cvetic "exposed" him as a Communist. Neither had known what the other was doing, though they both worked for the FBI for years inside the Commie ranks in Pittsburgh.

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the stand, the House committee will have a mass of new evidence on Red activity in Western Pennsylvania.

This includes:

1—Financial records of the American Slavery Congress, Civil Rights Congress and Labor Youth League—all previously identified as agencies of the Communist Party itself.

2—Canceled checks for expenditures by these organizations, many of them bearing the endorsed signatures of persons identified as party members.

3—Lists of contributors and members of these and other front organizations of the Communists.

4—Correspondence, some of which establishes tieups between the Commie front outfits and the party itself.

This evidence came into the hands of the committee after Mr. Cvetic and Mr. Dietze decided to come out from under cover and tell of their work.

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Produced Much Data

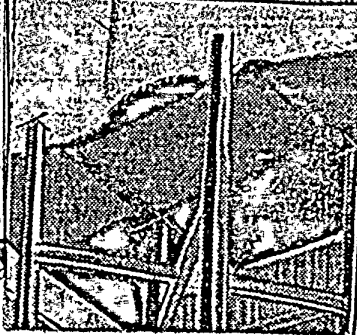
First Mr. Cvetic and later Mr. Dietze produced bulging boxes full of the accumulated office files of half a dozen Communist Party fronts.

The committee also got—because of an auto accident in Pittsburgh—files of the Labor Youth League which added more in

causes embraced by the Civil Rights Congress, unwillingly contributed to the \$250,000 defense of the 11 U. S. Communist leaders convicted of conspiracy last year.

This was done, the officials were told, by a switch of funds raised for other cases to the one case in which the Communist Party was most interested. Lists of contributors are among the documents now in committee hands.

Other exhibits tell the story of the American Slavery Congress—how the Communists took it over in 1944 and how it became an all-Commie outfit when Slavic members found out who was controlling the organization.

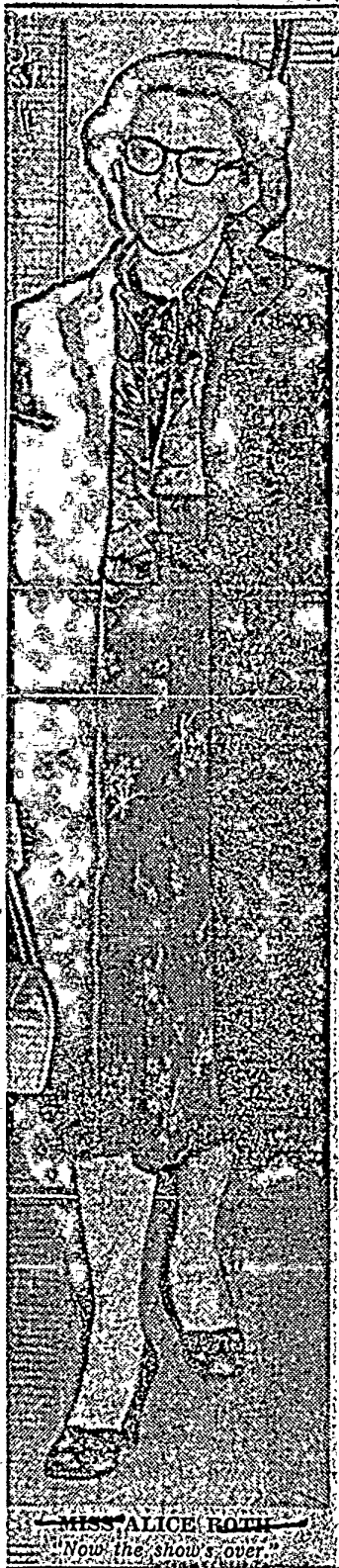


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Called 'Commie' by Cvetic

Woman Grand Juror Dismissed by Judge Due to Red Charge

Packed Court Room Hears Decision

Judge Michael A. Musmanno today dismissed from the County Grand Jury an East Pittsburgh woman accused of being a Communist organizer.

She is Alice Roth, of 301 Beech St.

"A grand juror," the judge intoned before a packed and hushed courtroom, "must be loyal to the Constitution of the United States and respect its laws."

"A grand juror must be above suspicion, judicious in temper, considerate in judgment and without bias."

Does not Measure Up

"Today, in this chapel of justice, I am sorry to report, we find one who does not measure up to these qualifications."

With that he dismissed her.

Miss Roth, who had lolled in her chair and unconcernedly chewed gum during the judge's reading of the six-page decision, stalked defiantly from the courtroom.

She was followed by silent stares. Then cheers broke out as Judge Musmanno stepped down from his bench.

In the hallway Miss Roth snapped to reporters:

"No comment."

Running for Governor
Then, as an afterthought, she whirled and sneered:

"He's running for Governor." Judge Musmanno had warmed up to his precedent-shattering decision slowly. After the roll of the 24 jurors had been called by Clerk John Shenkel, the judge outlined the routine work facing them.

Then he began: "I am compelled to speak to you on one of the most serious problems today confronting the American people—the problem, the threat, the menace of Communism."

As he continued, and word of the decision got around, spectators quietly filed in until the courtroom was jammed. A hush fell as Judge Musmanno went on:

"We all thought that with the ending of the war would come peace and international understanding. But practically every proposal by the United States has been met by skepticism, suspicion and cynicism on the part of Soviet Russia."

"It is a matter not of philosophic regret but of official concern that we find Americans—at any rate American citizens—reflecting the cynicism of Russia. In a land of order, decency, justice and equity they work for chaos, misery and wretchedness."

As he continued Miss Roth occasionally gave him a disinterested glance. She made no effort to conceal her boredom as he declared:

"Although the law of Pennsylvania has not declared the doctrinal theory of Communism illegal, the Communists themselves know of the illegality of their intentions. They are one step

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Woman Juror Rejected By Judge on Red Charge

East Pittsburgher Called Commie Worker
By Former 'Insider' on Party Secrets

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ahead of the jurisprudence of the land."

Judge Musmanno told how Miss Roth yesterday had been pointed out as a Communist organizer by Matt Cvetic, former FBI undercover man.

"Miss Roth," he said, "was given an opportunity to make a statement. She refused. She refused to admit or deny she is a Communist. She called Mr. Cvetic an opprobrious name."

Although Judge Musmanno did not explain further, the name he referred to was "rat."

She Meets Cvetic

When Mr. Cvetic and Miss Roth met face-to-face in the judge's chambers yesterday, Judge Musmanno invited her to make herself "comfortable."

"I don't think I will be very comfortable in this room, judge," she retorted. "I am always uncomfortable when there is a rat around."

"What do you mean?" demanded the judge.

"I only know of one rat there," she hissed. "Mr. Cvetic is his name."

"Why do you call him that?" Judge Musmanno asked.

"I consider all stool pigeons as rats," she said.

Judge Musmanno questioned Mr. Cvetic about his charges that Miss Roth is a Communist.

"Would you put any qualification on your statement," the judge asked.

"I will make an absolute statement," Mr. Cvetic shot back. "I have had contacts with her. I will place no qualification on it."

Then Judge Musmanno turned again to Miss Roth.

"Are you connected with the Communist Party?" he asked.

"I don't care to answer the question," she said.

Three East Pittsburgh union men helped Mr. Cvetic pin the Red label on Miss Roth yesterday. Mr. Cvetic flew here from Washington, where he is a star witness before the House Un-American Activities Committee. He declared.

"That is the woman I named in the list published in The Pittsburgh Press. She is a Communist."

District Attorney William S. Rahauser meanwhile revealed that Miss Roth worked "three or four days" in his law office about three years ago. This was before he took office.

She was sent by an employment agency, he said, and was dismissed when his office got word of her alleged Communist connections.

Word that Miss Roth's presence had tied up the Grand Jury came after several hours had gone by without administration of the oath.

Cvetic Files Here

For the first time in the memory of court attaches, all 24 jurors had been summoned to appear yesterday morning. Since an even number cannot serve, Judge Musmanno legally could have dismissed Miss Roth without questioning.

Instead he talked by telephone with Mr. Cvetic and officials of the House Committee and arranged Mr. Cvetic's flight here.

When Mr. Cvetic arrived, Judge Musmanno also called in three officials of right-wing Local 601, CIO International Union of Electrical Workers from East Pittsburgh.

They were Charles E. Copeland, business agent; Stanley Glass, recording secretary, and Thomas L. Burns, associate editor of the local's publication, "Union Generator."

After a half-hour conference, Miss Roth burst from the judge's chambers and tried to dodge newspaper cameramen. But they photographed her outside the courtroom.

"This is a fine display of democracy," she rasped. "Well, the show's over for today."

This morning she was on the scene early.

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Ex-Wife Calls FBI 'Hero' Just a Sneak

By Art Shields

PITTSBURGH, March 6—Matt Cvetic, FBI labor spy and much-publicized witness for the House Un-American Committee, is not a hero or a patriot to his hard-working ex-wife, who supports herself and two sons as a music teacher.

"He's just a sneak and a coward. He was lying all the time. I don't see how the FBI can use such a coward and liar," she said last weekend.

She said that Cvetic gave an example of his cowardice the night he assaulted her sister, Anne M. Barsh, another school teacher, on Feb. 18, 1939.

He attacked my sister in the early hours of the morning, she told a delegation from the American Slav Congress that visited her at her home in Etna, a suburb of Pittsburgh.

My sister was visiting me at our house and staying overnight. I had gone to sleep. Suddenly I heard a terrific noise. My sister was being terribly beaten. And that yellow coward ran out when he saw me coming.

My sister was laid up in St. Francis Hospital for several weeks. That coward had broken her wrist and caused her many other injuries.

Miss Barsh is a handsome woman of 37, with a face lined with years of hard work from bringing

up her two sons without help.

She was reluctant to receive the visitors at first.

"If it's about Cvetic, I don't want to see you," she began. "I have broken with him years ago. We have nothing in common. My name isn't Cvetic any more. It's Barsh, again."

She finally admitted the delegation into her tastefully furnished parlor, however.

"All the years I have known Cvetic he caused me nothing but grief," she said. "He never did anything for his family. I thought he was out of my life, but here he pops out as a great hero."

HURT CHILDREN

She said that her husband smear campaign in the press [as labor spy and as an Un-American Committee witness] had hurt the family with the neighbors.

"As soon as this dirt appeared in the newspapers people began to stay away," she declared. "Some parents don't send their children for piano lessons. This is causing me serious financial loss."

The career of an 18-year-old

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I, <u>Matthew G. Crutts</u>	Before me, the subscriber, a Commissioned Magistrate in and for the COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, personally
<u>William T. Tamm</u>	<u>Anna M. Barsh</u>
doth duly administered according to law, deposed and sworn, That at <u>24th</u> day of <u>March</u> , A.D. 19 <u>50</u> in the COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, ss: <u>Philadelphia</u> in and upon the body of <u>Anna M. Barsh</u> defendant, above said, then and there on the above facts, in and upon the body of <u>Anna M. Barsh</u> affiant, unlawfully and maliciously did make an assault and with force and violence did beat, abuse and wound affiant by throwing himself on her shoulders and violently throwing her to the floor and thereby then and there did unlawfully and maliciously inflict upon affiant grievous bodily harm, to-wit: fracturing the wrist of the right hand.	
all of which is contrary to an Act of Assembly in such cases made and provided.	
Complainant therefore prays and desires that a warrant may issue and that defendant may be arrested and held to answer this charge of <u>Assault & Battery</u> and further deposes, with oath.	
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son as a student at Duquesne University is affected.
My son is being pointed out by other students," she told the delegation. "He is getting sick. He is very unhappy. I told him he could stay away from school if there was any more trouble."
Cvetie's ex-wife is angered by her husband's recent boast that he was a good father, who helped his two sons greatly.
"That's a lie," she declared with flashing eyes. "He never gave the boys anything except what he had to by court order (after the divorce), and not all of that."

DOUBLE-CROSSER

The paper said that he gave me promptly every month \$75 for the children. He didn't. Months passed by and he wouldn't give anything.
He professes to love his boys. Another lie. For years he didn't send them a single postcard, and the post office was working 24 hours a day.
He stopped all payments to the boys as soon as they were 18.
Why he never even gave a pair of socks to them when he was living in that fine room at the William Penn Hotel (where the FBI set him up).
I was struggling and working hard while he was double-crossing everyone and living well.
Why don't the newspaper show him up in his true light? she exclaimed to the delegation. Why don't they tell the people what

a low snake he is? A hero? He's just a jerk.

She said the papers killed the story she gave them about him. One reporter interviewed her, took eight pages of notes, and used only four or five lines, she said.

Miss Barsh was an organist in a Roman Catholic Church until recently, when she had to discontinue this extra work for reasons of health.

She depends on her work as a music teacher and is much concerned about her future.

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FBI Red Agents May Speak Here

Two men now holding the international spotlight as Communist undercover agents for the Federal Bureau of Investigation—Mike Cvetic and George Dietz—may be the principal speakers here May 1 for this city's equally famous Americanism Day observance.

That invitations may be extended the two Pittsburghers—who have been holding front page

headlines by their testimony before the un-American Activities committee in Washington, D.C.—was revealed last night by Ralph B. Worthing, past commander of Lafayette Post No. 51, American Legion, and a member of the na-

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tional organization's Rehabilitation committee and Sons of the Legion committee.

"We would like to have either or both Cvetic and Dietz as our principal speakers should we decide to hold a banquet in connection with our annual event," Mr. Worthington said last night.

Lafayette Post was the first in the United States to inaugurate Americanism Day 14 years ago when U. S. Army Recruiter Captain James Smith, Police Chief Alfred W. Davis and the late Matty Bane conceived the plan to combat a Red Day celebration being planned here to mark May 1.

Congressman Anthony Cavanaugh, also of the local Legion Post, as a member of the state senate, subsequently paved the way for having May 1 declared Americanism Day throughout Pennsylvania by proclamation of the governor of this Commonwealth.

Since then, other cities and other states, as far west as San Francisco, have adopted the idea, using the Red May 1 day to re-emphasize Americanism.

Because of the work done by Cvetic and Dietz as undercover agents in exposing the inroads of infiltration of Communism in western Pennsylvania, members of Lafayette Post believe that recognition of their efforts on this Americanism Day would be a tribute to the exposes they are making of record S. government.

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May 1, 1950.

[REDACTED] LaFayette Post #51, American Legion, Uniontown, Pa., stated today that his post intended to request as speakers for Americanism Day, MATTHEW CVETIC and [REDACTED]. He inquired as to how this should be done. [REDACTED] as most other persons, appears to believe that CVETIC and [REDACTED] are Bureau employees. In view of the Bureau's instructions that no comment be made concerning CVETIC's and [REDACTED] capacity, this matter was not discussed however he was advised that an inquiry would be made of the Pittsburgh office concerning this matter and he would be appropriately advised.

For your information: Americanism Day, which has been ~~now~~ so proclaimed by the Governor of Pennsylvania as well as perhaps a dozen other states, was inaugurated by the American Legion in Uniontown, Pa., in 1933, for the express purpose of thwarting plans of the Communists to have a parade on May 1, that year. The American Legion announced and did have a parade that day for the purpose of advancing Americanism and the communists therefore cancelled their parade. Each year of May 1, the American Legion in Uniontown and in other cities (extent unknown) have held such parades, preceded by a program of speakers. ←

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An article will be carried in the Uniontown papers that the Am. Leg. will attempt to secure [REDACTED] and CVETIC for Americanism Day. Such article will not mention the F.B.I. Since [REDACTED] his inquiry to the writer, request is made concerning what he be advised.

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Cvetic Red List Of Names Now 146

Others Revealed In New Group

From Press Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, Feb. 24—
Testimony given by Matt Cvetic, ex-FBI informant, to the House Un-American Activities Committee showed today he identified 146 persons as "known Communists" connected with the party's "apparatus" in Pittsburgh.

Among those described by Mr. Cvetic as "known Communists" whose names have not been published previously in The Press were the following:

Mary Borich, apparently a relative of Frank, who is facing deportation as an undesirable alien.

Lou Bortz, who Mr. Cvetic says employs Harold (Sonny) Orzick, Communist youth leader in Pittsburgh.

Steve Loven, formerly with the Slav papers published on the North Side, now back in Yugoslavia.

Anne Traven, identified as a leader in nationality circles.

John Bostjancich.

Martin Cetinski.

Avrom Landy.

Jack Lenel.

Yardish (no first name listed) whom Mr. Cvetic described as a Canadian Communist active in Croatian circles around Pittsburgh.

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Warning Given On Local Reds By Two Judges

Musmanno, Gunther
Urge Realistic View
Before Hungry Club

A realistic view of the Communist aims in the United States was urged yesterday by two local judges speaking at the noon luncheon of the Hungry Club. Common Pleas Court Judge Michael A. Musmanno and county Court Judge Blair F. Gunther spoke in the absence of the scheduled speaker, George Dietze, FBI undercover man who worked in the Red ranks. Dietze is ill at his home.

Aware of Conditions

Judges do not live in windowless houses, blind to facts and circumstances known to everybody else. Judge Musmanno said. "In my adjudication last week I found an established reality that Communism as a political activity is dedicated to the overthrow of the government of the United States by force and violence."

Musmanno was referring to his action in banning Mrs. Alice Roth, an alleged Communist from serving on the grand jury.

"To allow a person committed to such an abhorrent doctrine on the grand jury would be like permitting a person with a resistless hammer in the cockpit of an airplane in flight," the judge said.

Complacency Attacked

Judge Gunther, who is active in anti-Communist activities, warned that complacency about Communism has enabled them to infiltrate into unions.

"It took the concerted efforts of the community to drive the Commies out of the UE Local 601," he said.

"The Communists' great weapon is demoralization. They belittle the flag and the great men in the history of the United States," Judge Gunther asserted. "To them the flag is nothing but a rag and a symbol of Wall Street capitalism."

He urged a stronger attitude to Russia and Communism.

"It is about time we start appeasing God and stop appeasing Joe Stalin," he concluded.

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Chief Deputy Sheriff Of Washington County Commie, Cvetic Says

List of persons named by Cvetic in Red probe, Page 2

By TONY SMITH, Press Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, March 15—Tremors from the Cvetic testimony which laid bare the operations of the Communist apparatus in Pittsburgh—shook the nation's capitol today and touched off several new investigations into subversive Soviet activities in the United States.

The significance of Matt Cvetic's revelations to the national security began to sink in after the former FBI undercover agent had identified 287 Western Pennsylvanians as active members of the Communist Party.

Shock registered visibly on members of Congress late yesterday as the 41-year-old witness before the House Un-American Activities Committee:

1—Named Matthew Lepovich, chief deputy sheriff of Washington County as a Communist with whom he had attended meetings of CP functionaries.

2—Identified Dr. Ray Vafinsky, a Pittsburgh dentist, as

one of his first instructors in CP classes. Mr. Cvetic said the classes were held in the home of Miss Anne Lipkind in Squirrel Hill four or five years ago.

3—Told of Communist Mr. Day plans for carrying on the party's work in the event of war between Soviet Russia and the United States.

4—Explained how the Communists controlled the Congress of American Women through the office of the American Slav Congress in Pittsburgh. He said Mrs. Lawrence Schultz, of 1527 Alabama Ave., Pittsburgh, and Mrs. Georgia Reed were the CP members assigned to steer the CAW.

5—Showed the committee lists of prominent citizens in Western Pennsylvania upon whom the Communists could count to be "friendly" to their objectives.

These were not placed in the record or made public. The witness said they were more important to the Commies than the "sucker" lists of persons who might be duped into aiding their hidden objectives.

Mr. Cvetic concluded his public testimony at yesterday's session. As sensational as it was, some of the most important information Mr. Cvetic gave the committee was not presented publicly.

This contained leads which will be investigated in connection

Free Mail Rights For Reds Admitted

Congressman Tells How It Happened

From Press Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 15—Congressman George G. Sadowski, Detroit Democrat, admits he let George Wuchinich use his free mailing privilege to send out propaganda branded as pro-Communist.

The admission came late yesterday through Rep. Sadowski's office secretary, Elizabeth Mitchell. She said the Congressman who is ill, often uses the franking privilege to distribute information.

Use of Rep. Sadowski's free mailing right by Wuchinich was disclosed last week when George Dietze, former FBI undercover man from Mr. Lebanon, gave House spy hunters some of the letters which he had taken out of Communist headquarters on

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...any pending. For this reason, a number of important names of known Communists in Pittsburgh were left out of the testimony.

As a result of the Cvetic testimony, committee members conferred with Administration leaders in the House concerning the alleged use of congressional mail franks for the distribution of pro-Commie literature.

They also ordered a thorough search of all the Cvetic documents for the names of Communists who may be working for the Federal Government.

Mr. Cvetic told the committee he had heard that Dr. Victor Sherenkoff, whom he named as a Communist, had worked or was working in the State Department.

Mr. Cvetic, himself, was employed in the U. S. Employment Service when he was approached to join the CP in 1941. He later accepted membership at the direction of the FBI.

The witness added the final 80 names on his list of Communists from the records of the American Slav Congress. They included all kinds of ASC fund-raising functions—from a television raffle to rallies and dance festival.

Committee members were admittedly astounded at the complete "rule by minority" that the CP had established in the front organizations.

Time and again, Mr. Cvetic read the names of the same Commie functionaries. In one organization, they would show up as officers; in another as sponsors, in some as honorary vice chairmen, etc.

The witness did a good job of showing up some of the more spectacular backers of Commie front organizations for their monetary interest.

He produced check stubs to show that Paul Robeson, the Negro singer, was paid \$764.05 for one-night appearance for the American Slav Congress in Pittsburgh in December of 1948.

He said the original contract called for \$1000 and was negotiated through MAX YERGAN, then chairman of the Council on

Active in Pittsburgh District

Cvetic Reveals More

Names in Red Probe



JOSEPH FILNER
Named as Red "angel."

CAROLYN HART
Once chained to pole.

MAX MANDELL
Violinist listed.

House Group Ends Public Inquiry

There is a list of names mentioned by former FBI Undercover Man Matt Cvetic in testimony before the House Un-American Activities Committee, which yesterday wound up its public inquiry into Communist activity in Western Pennsylvania.

The list contains only names not previously mentioned by Mr. Cvetic. It includes some names carried in late editions of yesterday's Press, with additions.

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Matt Ahel, of Spring Garden Ave. listed as a member of the North Side Club of the Communist Party.

Ida Mae Adams, leader in United Electrical Workers Local 601, East Pittsburgh, and District 6. Identified as a Communist Party member.

—B—
Jerry Benton, named as a Communist Party organizer in the McKeesport area until a few years ago, when he left the district.

James Bashista, named as a Communist organizer among steel workers.

Vera Brook, wife of Calvin Brook, previously identified as a Communist leader in Slovak circles. Mr. Cvetic said both Mr. and Mrs. Brook are party members.

George Brkljacic, listed as a McKees Rocks Communist now in Yugoslavia.

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Rachel Cooper, named as a Communist leader in the Hill District.

Charlotte Chandler, listed as a Communist organizer in the professional branch in Pittsburgh from 1943-45. Now out of the district.

Judy Cogan, wife of Lee Cogan (Kogan), previously identified as a member of the Thomas Paine Professional Club of the Communist Party here. Mr. Cvetic said both are Communists.

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Rev. Nicholas Drenovac, former editor of Slobodna Rec, pro-Communist Serbian newspaper printed at 1916 East St., North Side. Sponsor, American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania. Unfrosted by his church. Now in Yugoslavia. Named as a Communist Party member.

Betty Drake, identified as a Communist leader in the United Electrical Workers in East Pittsburgh section.

Dorothy Farrady, named as a former South Side Communist who married about a year ago and is believed now to be living in the Midwest.

Charles Fischer, campaign manager for Henry Wallace in Western Pennsylvania and publicity director for the Pittsburgh Committee of Welcome for the Red Dean of Canterbury. Identified as a Communist Party member.

Joseph Filner, of Beechwood Blvd., Squirrel Hill. Once a registered Communist. Mr. Cvetic described him as one of the financial "angels" of the party here.

Sarah Filner, wife of Joseph Filner. Mr. Cvetic described her as a member of the Communist Party.

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Rev. Voislav Gachinovich, former pastor of St. George Serbian Church, South Side. Sponsor, American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania. Secretary, American Serbian Relief Committee. Leader in United Committee of South Slavic Americans. Active in formation of Communist-line American Slav Congress in Pittsburgh in 1947. Now back in Yugoslavia. Identified as Communist Party member.

Milena Gachinovich, wife of Voislav. Identified as a member of the Communist Party also. Sponsor, American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania and active in American Serbian Democratic Women's Club. Has returned to Yugoslavia.

Tony Gerlach Jr., listed as a Communist leader in the youth movement. Lives in New York. His father was previously listed as a member of the Communist Party's nationality commission in the U. S.

Mary Golden, wife of Hamp Golden, official in Local 325, A. F. of L. Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen and previously identified as a member of the North Side and H. J. Heinz cells of the Communist Party. Mr. Cvetic said Mrs. Golden is a party member, too.

Milke Godich, of Union St., McKeesport, listed as a leader in the Communist Party's McKeesport Club.

Zalmon Garfield, chairman of the Progressive Party in Pennsylvania. Named as a member of the Communist Party.

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Joe Harajevich, former manager, editor of pro-Communist Slovak newspaper printed at 1916 East St. and news commentator on Committee Long Slovak Hour, over Station WLOA, Braddock. Now steward for the Fifth District (Pittsburgh) Club of the National Slovak Society. Identified as a member of the Communist Party.

Carolyn Hart, active in the Communist Party's professional branch here until about 1945, when she left, reportedly for the West. She was the central figure in the Red riots in McKeesport in 1934, during which she once chained herself to a pole so police couldn't drag her away. Real name: Alice Burkhardt.

Junker. In 1948, District Communist Secretary William Albertson reported she had been ousted from the party as a "class enemy."

William L. Helston, active in UE circles, especially around Local 610, which represents employees of Westinghouse Air Brake and Union Switch & Signal Cos. Sponsor, Pennsylvania-Wallace Committee. Named a member of the Communist Party.

Paul Hodos, former manager of the American Slav Printing Co., 1916 East St., now in Chicago.

Eric Walter Hubscher, electrical engineer of Shadyside Dr., husband of Martha Novak Hubscher, previously identified as a Communist Party member connected with the foreign language newspapers at 1916 East St. Delegate to Wallace convention. Mr. Cvetic said both Mr. and Mrs. Hubscher are members of the Communist Party.

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Frank Kamalich, identified as a Communist affiliated with the North Side "language press."

Nick Kelch, of Vine St. Also listed as a Communist connected with the North Side papers.

Peter Knezevich, named as chairman of the Communist Party for the Farrell-Sharon area.

Rose Knezevich, wife of Peter, also listed as a Communist Party member.

Bill Kompus, husband of Helen, previously identified as a Communist leader in the H. J. Heinz cell. Mr. Cvetic said both are party members.

Walter Kurowski, of Summit St., Monongahela, named as a Communist organizer among steel workers in the Mon Valley.

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Matthew Lepovich, chief deputy sheriff of Washington County. Sponsor, American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania. Listed as a member of the Communist Party.

Tony Lepovich, brother of Matthew, Active in United Mine Workers Local 1190, Bentleyville. Delegate to Wallace convention. Also listed as a Communist Party member.

Steve Merges, named as a former Communist leader in the Crucible Steel cell in Lawrenceville, now in Cleveland.

Rudy Martanovic, former manager of the American Slav Printing Co., 1916 East St. Now a Communist leader in Czechoslovakia.

Alex Makushenko, of Squirrel Hill. Named a Communist leader in Russian circles.

Max Mandell, violinist with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. Identified as secretary of the Communist Party's professional branch here.

Florence Mandell, wife of Max, also identified as a party member and active in Young Progressives.

Anne Markovich, wife of Mike, former editor of Slobodna Rec, Serbian newspaper branded as Communist controlled. Now in Yugoslavia. Identified as a Communist.

Ellene Matanic, of Ambridge, wife of Paul, previously listed as a Communist Party member and vice president of the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania. Mr. Cvetic said she, too, is a Commie.

John Middleton, national organizer for the Communist front International Workers Order. Named a Communist Party member.

Helen Migallch, listed as a Communist connected with the foreign language papers at 1916 East St.

William Miner, identified as a Communist from the South Side.

Frank Modic, now near Detroit. Named as a Communist functionary in nationality circles and the CIO United Auto Workers.

Virginia Muir, member of the editorial board of "The Slavic American," official magazine of the American Slav Congress. Secretary to George Pirinsky, now facing deportation as an undesirable alien. Listed as a member of the Communist Party.

Ludwig Nutz, named as a Communist organizer working out of New York.

John (Matles) Matelesko, identified as a Communist organizer in Cambria County. Lives in Conemaugh.

Mary Matalesko, wife of John, also identified as a Communist Party member.

Antoinette (Tonl) Nuss, of Conell, Pa., treasurer of the Progressive Party of the South

Side. Mr. Cvetic said she's a member of the Communist Party, too.

Herbert Nusser, identified as a member of the North Side Club of the Communist Party.

Al Oyler, formerly active in UE Local 601 at the Westinghouse Electric Corp., East Pittsburgh. Listed as a Communist Party member.

Frank Pavuk, of Perrysville. On editorial staff of Ludove Noviny, Slovak paper published at 1916 East St. and previously listed as Communist controlled. Former master of ceremonies of "Slovak Hour" on WLOA, Brad dock. Identified as a Communist Party member.

John Plntar, listed as a Communist leader in steel circles in Lawrenceville.

Donald Previel, of Meyran Ave., Oakland. Sponsor, Pittsburgh Students for Wallace Committee. Recently arrested while canvassing Oakland in a "food for miners" relief campaign. Identified as a Communist Party member.

Georgia Reed, wife of Sam, previously identified as a Communist organizer among electrical workers in Erie. Mr. Cvetic said she, too, is a Commie. Leader in Congress of American Women here.

Paul Radus, listed as a Communist formerly connected with the foreign language newspapers at 1916 East St. now in Cleveland.

Vaso Roknich, identified as a Communist from McKees Rocks.

Ricky Roth, described as a sister of Esther Roth, previously named as secretary to Jack Strobel, regional director of the United Public Workers. Mr. Cvetic said all three are Communist Party members. He said Ricky now is in California. He added she is not related to Alice Roth, banned last week from Grand Jury duty on grounds of being a Communist.

Ned Rasovich, of Bentleyville. Identified as a Communist organizer among coal miners. Also listed as a district committeeman of the party.

Maurice Shindler, identified as a Communist organizer in Penn Twp.

Anthony Skvarich, listed as a Communist on the North Side.

John Strizich, named as a Communist connected with the pro-Red papers at 1916 East St. North Side.

Virginia Seymour, former Western Pennsylvania director of Progressive Party and executive secretary of Pittsburgh chapter, Progressive Citizens of America. Active in Students for Wallace Committee. Delegate to Wallace convention. Mr. Cvetic said she is a member of the Communist Party. He also said she was once connected with the National Committee for Atomic Information, believed to be a private organization of atomic scientists with headquarters in Washington.

Armenio Sardoch, listed as a Communist leader in a "language club" in East Pittsburgh.

Ladislav Sobol, of Etna, part owner of Ludove Noviny, pro-Communist newspaper published at 1916 East St. Identified as Communist Party member.

Harold Spencer, listed as a Communist organizer in the Washington County coal area.

Steve Suto, named a Communist organizer in the Homestead steel district.

Anton Svelc, listed as active

now in nationality circles and the CIO, United Auto Workers around Cleveland.

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Dr. Ray Vallnsky, dentist with offices in Downtown Pittsburgh. One of the incorporators of the Jewish Cultural Center, 6328 Forbes St., Squirrel Hill, where Mr. Cvetic said Communist meetings have been held. He said Dr. Vallnsky taught Communist classes, which he himself attended in the Squirrel Hill home of Anna Lipkind, previously listed as a party member.

Louis Vuclch, identified as a Communist organizer in the coal regions around Rural Ridge, Pa.

Matthew Vukovich, identified as a Communist steel organizer.

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Zare Werllich, of McKees Rocks, named as a Communist active in lodge circles.

Sadie Weiss, wife of Max, former Western Pennsylvania chairman of Communist Party, now living in New York.

John Wassell, named as a Communist from Washington County.

Mary Wassell, his wife, also listed as a Commie.

Joseph Wolfe, East End optometrist, recently arrested during a "food for miners" relief canvass in Oakland sponsored by the Progressive Party. Mr. Cvetic said Wolfe went to the pro-Communist "peace conference" in Mexico City last year and is a member of the Communist Party.

Theodore (Ted) Wright, active in UE Local 610, Wilmerding. Delegate to Wallace convention. Listed as a Communist Party member.

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Charles Young, chemist or engineer, once active in Communist circles here and now, according to Mr. Cvetic, living in Virginia.

Ruth Young, his wife, also identified as a Communist. Mr. Cvetic said she used to work for the U.S. Employment Service in Pittsburgh.

County Okays Cvetic Bill

The County Commissioners today approved a \$39.94 bill submitted to them by Matt Cvetic, the Pittsburgher who has been exposing the local Communists. The bill covered Cvetic's expenses last week when he flew here from Washington at the request of Judge Michael A. Musmanno to testify in the case of Alice Roth.

After Cvetic testified that Mrs. Roth was a Communist, she was dismissed from the March grand jury by Judge Musmanno. District Attorney William S. Rauber approved the bill.

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County to Pay Cvetic for Trip

Matt Cvetic, who claims he is losing money during his long stand before the House spy hunters in Washington, got a break here today.

County Commissioners voted to reimburse Mr. Cvetic for what it cost him to fly to Pittsburgh and back to Washington at the request of Judge Michael A. Musmanno last week.

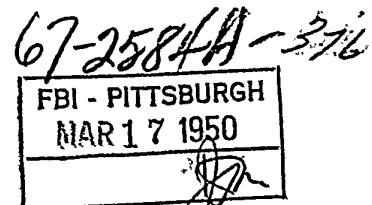
The trip was made because the Judge wanted Mr. Cvetic to view a prospective Grand Juror, Alice C. Roth, of Beech St., East Pittsburgh, and say whether she's a Communist.

Mr. Cvetic established her identity and the Judge then knocked her off the jury list on grounds she doesn't measure up to the required standards of loyalty.

The Commissioners will pay Mr. Cvetic \$39.94 to cover his transportation and meals. In Washington, he's getting \$6 a day which isn't enough even to cover the hotel bill, he says.

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LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT, 1947

The following is being furnished for the information of the Bureau:

According to a news item appearing in the "Pittsburgh Sun Telegraph" dated Tuesday, March 14, 1950, concerning testimony of MATT CVETIC before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, "...CVETIC said, 'All the planning, all the programming' of the Civil Rights Congress in Western Pennsylvania was done by the Communist Party...CVETIC said the list of sponsors was drawn on instructions from STEVE NELSON, Communist organizer for Western Pennsylvania. Among the sponsors, CVETIC said, were Party members... [redacted] ..."

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The "Pittsburgh Press" dated Tuesday, March 14, 1950, contained a news item concerning testimony of MATT CVETIC before the HCUA, pertinent portions of which are hereinafter set out: "...Here is a list of names mentioned by former FBI under cover man, MATT CVETIC, in testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities which yesterday resumed its inquiry into Communist activities in the Pittsburgh area... [redacted] President of District 6, United Electrical Workers, listed as a member of the Communist Party..."

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According to a news item appearing in the "Pittsburgh Post Gazette" dated Wednesday, March 15, 1950 concerning testimony of CVETIC before the HCUA, "...Communists whose names appear in the letterhead of the Civil Rights Congress, he said, are... [redacted] District #6 President of the UE..."

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It should be noted that information furnished by MATT CVETIC was contained in report of SA [redacted] dated January 13, 1950 at Pittsburgh in this case, in which it was set out that on December 29, 1949, CVETIC stated he had no knowledge that [redacted] was a Communist Party member and had not seen him at recent meetings of the CP. This information was furnished to SA [redacted] by CVETIC on December 29, 1949.

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On January 26, 1950, [redacted], who was formerly a confidential informant of the Pittsburgh Office, telephonically contacted the writer at his home and said that he desired to talk to someone in the Pittsburgh Office concerning MATTHEW CVETIC. [redacted] stated that the only one who he knew how to contact was the writer, which accounted for his call.

[redacted] stated he was desirous of knowing whether or not his name would be mentioned by CVETIC in connection with CVETIC's testimony before the [redacted] and that he was hoping that his name would not be mentioned as it would serve no purpose.

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[redacted] said that he never suspected CVETIC as working for the FBI. [redacted] stated that CVETIC is doing a really fine job in testifying. [redacted] was told by the writer that he has no way of knowing whether or not CVETIC will or will not mention his name while testifying before the [redacted] since the Pittsburgh Office has made no comment concerning the CVETIC incident.

The above is being furnished as a matter of information.

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MEMO. SAC:

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This memorandum is submitted in view of MATTHEW CVETIC's testimony before the HCUA during the period 3/13-15/50 to the effect that captioned subject was known to him to be a Communist Party member.

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It is noted that the writer, as a result of a routing slip from SA [REDACTED], who was conducting investigation in this matter, telephonically contacted MATTHEW CVETIC, then ONDI C-113, for all information he might have concerning the CP affiliations of [REDACTED], other than previously reported by him, on 12-29-49.

CVETIC advised, as set out in the report of SA [REDACTED] in this case dated 1-13-50, that he knew [REDACTED] but that he had no knowledge that [REDACTED] was a member of the CP and that he certainly had not seen him at any recent CP meetings. CVETIC also stated that he was aware of the fact that [REDACTED] had been named a member of the Board of Directors of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born during the course of an ACPFB Conference held at Detroit, Mich. on 12-3,4-50; that [REDACTED] did not attend said conference but had, apparently, been renamed to the above Board as a matter of course.

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CVETIC stated that the above was the sum total of his knowledge of [REDACTED] as of that moment.

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SA [REDACTED] was advised of the above information furnished by CVETIC by routing slip in view of the fact that, at the time, he was urgently in need of same in the preparation of a "deadline" report in this case.

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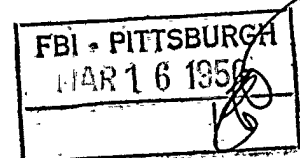
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Toma Babic — Former Yugoslav Embassy employee, recently deported, Close friend of Steve Nelson and George Wuchinich.

Nick Ballich — was secretary, Serbian American Federation, subsidiary of the International Workers Order, Sponsor, Pennsylvania Wallace Committee, Fund solicitor for Slav publications here.

Arthur Bartl — Sponsor, Western Pennsylvania Slav Congress, Delegate to Progressive Party convention, 1948. On editorial staff "Narodni Glasnik" Communist-line paper published in Croatian language.

Jack Begler — Connected with Labor Press Committee of Pittsburgh which sponsors left-wing lectures.

John Bronich — National organizer for the National Council of Americans of Croatian Descent, Sponsor, Pennsylvania Wallace Committee, Fund raiser for left-wing Slav publications here.

Calvin Brook — Editor, "Ludove Noviny," Slovak language, Communist-line paper, Sponsor, Western Pennsylvania Slav Congress, former correspondent for the Communist "Daily Worker," former official International Workers Order.

Zarko Buncich — Serbian nationality, vice president, American Slav Congress, Ohio attorney.

Ben Careathers — District committeeman, Communist Party, Negro leader for party, Convicted of fraud, 1940 Communist petition scandal.

Anthony Cipelo — Delegate to Wallace 1948 convention.

Emmett Patrick Cusli — Long-time Communist leader and district committeeman for party, Official of Labor Press Committee for Western Pennsylvania.

Anna Devunich — National secretary, Federation of Croatian American Women, Sponsor, Western Pennsylvania Slav Congress, Sponsor, Western Pennsylvania Wallace Committee, Delegate to pro-Communist International Congress of Women, Budapest, Hungary, 1948.

Steve Devunich — Husband of Anna, Leader in Croatian Fraternal Union.

Jim (James H.) Dolser — District committeeman, Communist Party, Correspondent, Daily Worker.

Mike Dudash — Leader in Slovak Workers Society, IWO, Sponsor, Western Pennsylvania Slav Congress.

Leo Fisher — Previously identified by House Un-American Activities Committee as an editor, "Narodni Glasnik," Left-wing leader in Croatian circles, Manager, American Progressive Printing Co. which prints Communist-line Slav language newspapers.

Tom Fitzpatrick — Chief steward, UE Local 601, Sponsor, Pennsylvania Wallace Committee and head of Pennsylvania delegation to 1948 Wallace convention, Identified as Commie organizer in UE.

Abe Franks — former director, Pittsburgh chapter, Progressive Citizens of America.

Nancy Franks — his wife.

Boleslaw Gebert — former official, American Slav Congress, since returned to Poland.

Joe Godfrey — former district secretary, Communist Party, Bill Gordon — Steel industry organizer for the Communist Party.

Abner Green — national official for American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, Dave Grant — former secretary, Communist Party of Pittsburgh, Now secretary, Communist Party of East Pittsburgh, and chairman, Communist Veterans Committee here.

Michael Hanuslak — Official, International Workers Order, UMW and Ukrainian American Fraternal Union, formerly identified by House Committee as

Youth organizer for Communist Party in Pittsburgh district.

Marion Hathaway — Professor of Public Welfare, Pitt School of Social Work, Sponsor, Pennsylvania Wallace Committee, Member, National Wallace for President Committee, Sponsor, Pittsburgh Committee of Welcome for "Red Dean" of Canterbury, Delegate and speaker at 1948 Wallace convention.

The witness specifically said he had no information she was a member of the Communist Party.

Roy Hudson — former district chairman, Communist Party.

Andrea Hudson — his wife, active in Communist affairs.

Max Jenkins — Leader in Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order, IWO.

Bobby Jones — Regional organizer for Young Progressives of Pennsylvania, Former chairman University of Pittsburgh Young Progressives.

Pete Karpa — Organizer, Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania.

Daniel Kasustehnik — Russian nationality, vice president, American Slav Congress, Communist Party cardholder.

Elmer Kish — Organizer, Communist Party, Western Pennsylvania, Leader in Progressive Party.

Gabor Kish — Western Pennsylvania organizer for Communist Party, Washington County chairman, Alias George Kane.

Paul Klivo — Active in left-wing Polish circles.

Lee Kogan — Identified as member of Thomas Paine Professional Club of Communist Party here.

Helen Kompus — Identified as member of H. J. Heinz Club of Communist Party.

Steve Kral — Former National financial secretary, American Slav Congress.

Martin Krasich — Supreme treasurer, Croatian Fraternal Union, Former national treasurer, American Slav Congress, Assistant secretary, National Council of Americans of Croatian Descent.

Eddie Lang — Identified as member of H. J. Heinz Club, Communist Party.

Anne Lipkind — Delegate to 1948 Wallace convention, Was with the National Maritime Union for a while.

Joe Mankin — Identified as the man who runs the Hotel and Restaurant Workers cell in Communist Party here, Also listed as member of H. J. Heinz Club of the party.

Milo Mamula — Identified as the man in charge of Communist Party work in the Civil Rights Congress, Former assistant manager of the Arlington Heights Housing project, Secretary of Serbian Americans for Wallace.

Peter Margetich — Trustee of the Croatian Home in Pittsburgh, listed as owner of the American Progressive Printing Co. which publishes Slav Communist-line papers.

William G. E. R. and George Matta — owners of Radio Station WLOA, Braddock, which carried programs of organizations allied with the Communist Party line.

The witness specifically said he had no information they were members of the Communist Party.

Joseph Migallch — Leader in Yugoslav Circles, Identified as member of the East End Club of the Communist Party.

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American Slav Printing

Paul Morrison—Identified as a member who joined the Thomas Paine Professional Club of the Communist Party.

Charles Muzil—National financial secretary, American Slav Congress.

Charles Newell—International representative for United Electrical Workers. Delegate to Wallace 1948 convention. Identified as Communist organizer in the UE.

George Nichols—Employment manager, Local 237 Hotel & Restaurant Employees Alliance. Active in Civil Rights Congress. Identified as member of the H. J. Heinz Club of Communist Party.

Eddie Nixon—Identified as Commie organized in youth circles here.

Andy Novak—One of two who signed Matt Cvetic's application for membership in the Communist Party.

Stanley J. Novak—National secretary, American Slav Congress. State Senator in Michigan.

Andy Onda—Steel organizer for the Communist Party.

Harold (Sonny) Orzik—Sent to Western Pennsylvania by the National Committee of the Communist Party to do youth work. Chairman of the Labor Youth Committee in Pittsburgh.

Steve Palch—Identified as organizer for Communist Party in Washington County.

Sam Reed—Identified as a Communist organizer, recently transferred to Erie to cover General Electric Corp. plant.

Esther Roth—Identified as member of East End Club of Communist Party.

John Rusin—Helps edit Commie-line language papers at 1916 East St., North Side.

Steve Rosner—International representative for United Electrical Workers. Former editor of District UE paper. Identified as member of Communist Party.

Joseph Rudlak—President, Western Pennsylvania American Slav Congress. Former international representative, CIO United Railroad Workers. Delegate to Wallace convention. Identified as Communist Party member.

Eleanor Sackter—Identified as member of the East End Club of the Communist Party. Formerly listed by House Committee as a Commie leader in Lawrenceville.

Anthony Salopek—Co-chairman Western Pennsylvania Steelworkers for Wallace Committee. Identified as Commie organizer for steel plants in Duquesne area.

Jack Sartisky—International representative for United Electrical Workers. Identified as Communist organizer for North Side.

Mike Saunders—Identified as member of Communist Party.

Hymen Schlesinger—Member, Civil Rights Congress of Pittsburgh. Identified as a member of the Communist Party. Attorney for United Electrical Workers.

Joseph (Sonny) Robinson—Co-Chairman National Steelworkers for Wallace Committee. Ousted from United Steelworkers Local 1276 on grounds of defaming union by lending support to Communist organizations.

Allie Roth—Treasurer of Progressive Party in 33rd Congressional district. Identified as Communist organizer in the UE.

Miriam Schultz—Active in Civil Rights Congress.

Victor Sharenkoff—Bulgarian nationality vice-president, American Slav Congress.

Barbara Shore—Identified as a member, Communist Party.

Jack Shore—Identified as a member of the Thomas Paine Professional Club of the Communist Party here.

Dorothy Sloan—Identified as a

member of the East End Club of the Communist Party.

Alex Staber—Identified as the Communist organizer for the South Side plant of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp. until his recent transfer to Communist work in the UE.

Mike Stanovich—District committeeman, Communist Party, and organizer for the Allegheny Valley (New Kensington) area. Delegate to Wallace 1948 convention.

Bessie Steinberg—Listed as a member of the Communist Party. Has appeared in Communist picketing demonstrations here.

M. Y. Steinberg—Identified as a member of the Communist Party. Pittsburgh attorney, frequently appears in cases involving left-wing defendants. Attorney for Progressive Party.

Steve Straka—Identified as Commie organizer, Washington County.

Abe Strauss—Formerly registered as a Communist Party member on his voting records here.

Jack Strobel—Top official in United Public Workers union recently expelled from the CIO for Communist activity. Helped organize workers in Panama Canal Zone before returning to Pittsburgh. Identified as a member of the Thomas Paine Professional Club of the Communist Party here.

Mark Sumrak—Convicted of perjury during Communist petition trial in 1940 after he changed the testimony he had given a Grand Jury. Now working for the County.

Mary Sumrak—Managing editor and business manager, Narodni Glasnik, Croatian Commie-line paper. Wife of Mark. Lives in Oakmont.

Mane Susnjak—Financial secretary, American Serbian Relief Committee to Aid Serbian War Orphans. Identified as editor of Slobodna Rec, Commie-line paper printed on North Side and member of Communist nationality commission.

Frank Thadej—Active in Croatian circles, appeared on left-wing Croatian Hour program over WLOA, Braddock.

Michael Tkach—Ukrainian nationality vice-president, American Slav Congress, president, Ukrainian American Fraternal Union of TWO.

Theresa Turner—Executive secretary, Civil Rights Congress of Western Pennsylvania.

John Vidmar—Identified as the "setup man," Communist functionary for the Commie line foreign-language newspapers on the North Side. Works at the plant, 1916 East St. and lives in West View.

Charles Vulch—Secretary, Serbian Vidovdan Congress, sponsor, Pennsylvania Wallace Committee, sponsor, Western Pennsylvania Slav Congress, on executive board, American Serbian Relief Committee to Aid Serbian War Orphans, former editor, Slobodna Rec, Serbian Commie-line paper.

Agnes Vukcevlch—Secretary, women's division, American Slav Congress, (Native of Dalsytown, Pa.)

Peter Vukcevlch—Leader in TWO.

Max Weiss—Identified as member of Communist Party. Mr. Cvetic said there was one of the first people I met in the party.

George Witkovich—Identified as a Communist Party organizer over a period of 20 years.

Alex Wright—International representative, CIO United Stone & Allied Products Workers member, National Wallace for President's Committee, active in Civil Rights Congress and other Commie-front activities.

John Zuskar—Connected with Commie-line Slovak paper on North Side, being one of its top executives.

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William Albertson—Communist Party secretary for Western Pennsylvania.

National labor secretary for party. Expelled from Pitt in 1929 for radical activities.

Toma Babin—Former Yugoslav Embassy employee, recently reported. Close friend of Steve Velson and George Wuchinich.

Nick Balich—was secretary, Serbian-American Federation, subsidiary of the International Workers Order. Sponsor, Pennsylvania Wallace Committee. Fund solicitor for Slav publications here.

Arthur Baril—Sponsor, Western Pennsylvania Slav Congress. Delegate to Progressive Party convention, 1948. On editorial staff, "Narodni Glasnik," Communist-line paper published in Croatian language.

Jack Begler—Connected with "Labor Press Committee" of Pittsburgh, which sponsors left-wing lectures. Sponsor, Western Pennsylvania Slav Congress. Organizer for the National Council of Americans of Croatian Descent. Sponsor, Pennsylvania Wallace Committee. Fund raiser for left-wing Slav publications here.

Calvin Brook—Editor, "Ludov Noviny," Slovak-language Communist line paper. Sponsor, Western Pennsylvania Slav Congress, former correspondent for the Communist "Daily Worker." Former official, International Workers Order.

Zarko Buncich—Serbian, nationality vice president, American Slav Congress, Ohio attorney. Ben Carabiers—District committeeman, Communist Party. Negro leader for party. Convicted of fraud, 1940 Communist petition scandal.

Anthony Cipele—Delegate to Wallace 1948 convention.

Emmett Patrick Cosh—Long-time Communist leader and district committeeman for party. Official of "Labor Press Committee" for Western Pennsylvania.

Anna Devunich—National secretary, Federation of Croatian American, W.O.A.m.s. Sponsor, Western Pennsylvania Slav Congress. Sponsor, Western Pennsylvania Wallace Committee. Delegate to 1948 Communist International Congress of Women, Budapest, Hungary, 1948.
Steve Devunich—Husband of Anna. Leader in Croatian Fraternal Union.

Jim (James H.) Dolien—District committeeman, Communist Party. Correspondent "Daily Worker."

Mike Dudaash—Leader in Slovak Workers Society, IWO. Sponsor, Western Pennsylvania Slav Congress.

Leo Fisher—Previously identified by House Un-American Activities Committee as an editor, "Narodni Glasnik." Left-wing leader in Croatian circles. Manager, American Progressive Printing Co., which prints Communist-line Slav-language newspapers.

Tom Fitzpatrick—Chief steward, UE Local 601. Sponsor,

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Andrea Hodson—his wife, active in Communist affairs.

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Helen Kompus—Identified as member of H. J. Heinz Club of Communist Party.

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Anna Lpkind—Delegate to 1948 Wallace convention. "Was with the National Maritime Union for a while."

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Charles Murli—National financial secretary, American Slav Congress.

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John Rusin—Helps edit Communist-line language papers at 1919 East North Side. Sponsor, "Steel Worker," International representative for United Electrical Workers. Former editor of district UE paper. Identified as member of Communist Party.

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Bill Gordon—Steel industry organizer for the Communist Party.

Abner Green—national official for American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born.

Dave Grant—former secretary, Communist Party of Pittsburgh.

Now Secretary, Communist Party of East Pittsburgh, and chairman, Communist Veterans Committee here.

Michael Hanusiak—Official, International Workers Order, Uxm and Ukrainian American Fraternal Union. Formerly identified by House Committee as

Red Probers Thank Cvetic

WASHINGTON, March 15. — (AP.)—Matthew Cvetic of Pittsburgh has won the thanks of the House Un-American Activities Committee for his story of what he learned about Communists in the years he was chummy with them for the FBI.

When Cvetic finally wound up his long, detailed recital of Communist activity in Western Pennsylvania late yesterday, Cong. Harrison (Dem.) of Virginia told him he was "entitled to the gratitude of the American people."

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Cvetic Compares Communists to 'Gandy Dancers'

From Press Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 14

Take it from Matt Cvetic, who should know, one of the toughest things about being a Communist is the job of keeping up with the changing party line.

"You have to be a gandy dancer to do it," the former Pittsburgh FBI undercover man told the House Un-American Activities Committee.

"Gandy dancer" is a term applied to railroad track workers who have to watch they don't stub their toes on the ties.

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'Hot' Records Were Stolen; Cvetic Says

Lost Files Named; Congressmen Aiding Red-Front Groups

Matt Cvetic strongly suspects that some of his "hottest" files incriminating Congressmen and public officials as contributors to Communist front organizations were stolen.

The politically explosive evidence, which has been reported missing, was lifted from the files of the House Un-American Activities Committee, according to Mr. Cvetic's attorney.

The statements were issued yesterday by Harry A. Sherman, counsel for the former FBI undercover agent and general counsel for the Americans Battling Communism organization.

Given Big Welcome
They came as Mr. Cvetic received a rousing welcome from 1,200 persons who jammed East Pittsburgh High School auditorium for his address at a general meeting of the CIO International Union of Electrical Workers.

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Cvetic Says Files Stolen

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It was his first public appearance since he returned from testifying in Washington on Communist activities in Western Pennsylvania.

Attorney Sherman claimed that Mr. Cvetic did not take the 80 pounds of documents to Washington himself; that it was carted there by two representatives of the House Committee.

The evidence allegedly included letters to or from at least 20 Congressmen giving moral, political or financial aid to the American Slav Congress and other Communist-labeled organizations.

Attorney Sherman said that he was told by Louis Russell, chief investigator for the House Committee, that that list of names and amounts of donations is now missing.

Mr. Cvetic last saw it when he testified three weeks ago Saturday, Mr. Sherman said. He did not bring it back with him or lose it.

Theft Suspected

But from what he was told by a district Congressman, he strongly suspects the original papers were stolen from the files of the House Committee by someone who considers them dangerous.

According to Mr. Sherman, the financial donations were made between 1946 and 1949. The Communies took over the Slav Congress in 1944. Mr. Cvetic testified earlier. The organization was not listed as subversive by the Attorney General until 1948.

The attorney added that the FBI and the House committee, however, has photostatic copies of the original lists.

The ex-FBI undercoverman refused to use a prepared script as he addressed an enthusiastic crowd which overflowed from the school auditorium into a classroom served by a public address system.

City Is No. 1 Target

"The Communist Party," he declared, "has Pittsburgh as its No. 1 target. Control coal, steel and electric and you control the country. Is the way they think."

Although he prefaced his talk by saying he would not name names because he is still under subpoena of the House Committee, he referred several times to Steve Nelson, Western Pennsylvania Communist party organizer.

"I attended a meeting where Steve Nelson and other Communists," he said, "laid the plans for their victory in the United Electrical Workers Union last September."

Reds Using Unions

"The Communists do not have the fonest interests of trade unions at heart. They are using them as a means for the overthrow of the United States Government."

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Deportation Faces 20 Reds Cvetic Named

Aliens Who Took Oath
Of Loyalty Tripped

By TONY SMITH

Press, Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, March 16

Arrests for deportation in
the Western Pennsylvania
area were predicted today.

The arrests would be a
direct result of disclosures
by Matt Cvetic, former FBI
undercover man who un-
masked the Commie appar-
atus in Pittsburgh.

One reliable source said, the
Cvetic testimony could lead to a
wholesale round-up of natural-
ized American Communists who
perjured themselves when they
swore allegiance to the United
States.

Cvetic's Help Needed

The crack-down, however, is
dependent upon how much as-
sistance the former Pittsburgh
"Communist" leader can give of-
ficials of the U. S. Immigration
and Naturalization Service, the
source explained. They want to
question Mr. Cvetic about 20 per-
sons.

Another factor involves new
procedures which must be worked
out by the service to comply
with a recent U. S. Supreme
Court ruling requiring impartial
examiners in immigration cases.

Cvetic in Conference

Mr. Cvetic conferred for the
second time with the Immigra-
tion Service today. He is a pros-
pective witness in two pending
cases and a number of others to
be brought at a later date.

The pending cases involve
George Plirinsky, former nation-
al executive secretary of the
American Slav Congress, and
Frank Borich, Pittsburgh mem-
ber of the Croatian division of
the Western Pennsylvania Na-
tionality Commission.

287 Reds Named

Mr. Cvetic identified both men
as Communists during his five
days of testimony before the
House Un-American Activities
Committee. He said they served
with him on nationality commis-
sions of the Communist Party.
In all, the 41-year-old ex-FBI
man identified 287 Communist
Party members in Western Penn-
sylvania. Not one of the ac-
cused has sought a chance to
deny the charges on the same
public forum. The House Com-
mittee said it has had no takers
on its offer to hear the explana-
tions or denials of any of the
persons Mr. Cvetic named.

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Rightwingers Use Labor Spy As Finger Man

By Art Shields

PITTSBURGH—The shoddy lies of the FBI labor spy Matt Cvetic are being used here by rightwing labor officials, as well as by employers, in their war against progressive unionists, Communist Party members and Wallace Progressives.

Joseph Goney, a high official of President Philip Murray's United Steelworkers, and other labor leaders, have been grilling progressive workers fingered by Cvetic.

Such a thing couldn't have happened in older days, when labor left and right. Cvetic told the House Un-American Labor, left and right. Cvetic told the House Un-American Committee in Washington this month that he had been stooling for years on members of Murray's union in Pittsburgh, and on other labor groups.

Cvetic was recruited by the FBI as a labor spy after he was arrested and indicted on a charge of assaulting his sister-in-law, Miss Anne M. Barsh. He broke her wrist and did other serious injuries to her in a nocturnal assault upon her in his home on Feb. 18, 1939.



MATTHEW CVETIC

CVETIC, A SLOVENIAN-AMERICAN, was then working for the U. S. Employment Service in Pittsburgh. He was saved from discharge when he became a labor spy.

He testified that he stoolled first on the members of the CIO's State, County and Municipal Workers, to which he be-

longed. He next spied on labor as a delegate to the Steel City Industrial Union Council in Pittsburgh. He next operated as an undercover man in the American Slav Congress. And he stoolled against the American Communist Party.

Nevertheless, the shoddy revelations of this scummy creature are being picked up by reactionary labor leaders as well as by employers.

Thus, Joseph Goney, Philip Murray's local director, was quick to call in a local Wallace leader, who had been named by Cvetic in Washington as a Communist.

Goney is the secretary of the Steel City Industrial Union Council of the CIO, as well as the director of the United Steel workers in the Lawrenceville section of Pittsburgh.

THE LOCAL WALLACE LEADER, Alex Wright, is a delegate to the CIO Council from the Brick, Stone and Allied Workers of the CIO.

Goney called him in and asked him the \$64 question and notified the anti-labor press of his action. Wright's answer to the question was No.

Goney's use of the stool was all the more shameful in view of the fact that Cvetic said he did his steel stooling among the workers of the Mellon-controlled Crucible Steel Co., who are in Goney's particular jurisdiction.

Rightwing officials of the AFL food workers went so far as to set up a loyalty oath test for candidates for office in their union for the purpose of purging men fingered by Cvetic.

One of Cvetic's chief patrons here is an anti-labor employer, Manager Troy of the swanky William Penn Hotel, who gave the spy a hotel room for years as a base of his operations. Troy long sought to break the food union, though he now has to recognize it.

Nick Lazaris, progressive business agent of Ford Local 237 with a long record of achievement in his union, resigned rather than submit to the Cvetic test.

OFFICIALS of James Carey's IEU are also using the Cvetic revelations in their campaign to get control of the big Westinghouse local of the United Radio and Electrical Workers at East Pittsburgh in a Labor Board election.

Reactionary Pittsburgh officials had long shouted that the Westinghouse local had many Communists. But Carey's men think that an FBI labor spy gives more dignity to such smearing.

The Un-American Committee is also using Cvetic's cries of "Communism" in the coal fields, "Communism" in the electrical industry and in food, "Communism" here and "Communism" there to create the hysterical atmosphere which it needs to put over the fascist Mundt-Nixon bills.

The campaign for this fascist measure is being built on the lies of a labor spy, whom his divorced wife, Miss Marie Barsh (she has taken her maiden name), a Roman Catholic music teacher, well describes as a jerk, a coward and a sneak.

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SCAB IN THE NAME OF THE CIO

Information

N. B. In filling out this blank, follow the words of the Act of Assembly Strictly.
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, ss.

Before me, the subscriber, a Commissioning Magistrate in and for the COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, personally
Name Anna M. Barch
Age 34
Residence Shaler Township

Complainant Anna M. Barch who upon oath, duly administered according to law, deposes and says that Shaler Township is the COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, on the 11th day of February, A.D. 1950 defendant Matthew C. Cvetic did then and there on the above date, in and upon the body of Anna M. Barch, unlawfully and maliciously did make an assault and with force and violence did beat, abuse and wound affiant by throwing himself on her shoulders and violently throwing her to the floor and thereby then and there did unlawfully and maliciously inflict upon affiant grievous bodily harm, to-wit: fracturing the wrist of the right hand.

all of which is contrary to an Act of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Complainant therefore prays and desires that a warrant may issue, and that defendant may be arrested and held to answer this charge of Assault & Battery and further deponent saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 24th day of March, A.D. 1950
William J. Thomas (Seal)
WILLIAM J. THOMAS, ALLEGHENY
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
January 1951

Correction

The wrong caption appeared in yesterday's Daily Worker under a reproduction of a warrant for the arrest of Matthew Cvetic, Pittsburgh stoolpigeon, on charges of beating a woman. The caption published dealt with another story that of CIO representatives cooperating with strikebreakers in Gloversville, N. Y.

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LETTER ABOVE was sent by a group of scabs to Gloversville strikers, informing the strikers that the boss-inspired back-to-work movement has the blessing of a "National Right-wing union." The union turned out to be the national CIO whose vice-president Allan Haywood, issued a charter to picket-line crashers. The Furriers Joint Board Tuesday protested to Philip Murray. It demanded he cease using the CIO as a scab agency.

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ACTU Leader Lauds Stoolie

"Matchless Matt" is the right name of the stool pigeon Matt Cvetic, according to Father Charles Owen Rice, leader in the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists. He frankly admires the stoolie.

Father Rice's hail to "Matchless Matt" Cvetic, the stoolpigeon and labor spy, betrays the character of both men and their appeal to each other. It illustrates the old saying: Birds of a feather flock together.

In his column, "The Conditions of Labor," in the Pittsburgh Catholic of March 2, Rice boasts of his part in attempts to split Local 237 of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers' Union over the "Communist" issue. One of its business agents, Nick Lazaris, of the Dining Room department, had declined running for reelection in order to help preserve the solidarity of the union in the face of employers' attacks.

Lazaris was named by Cvetic as a leading Communist trade unionist. The ACTU crowd ganged up with the employers to do a job on Lazaris, who had a big following because of his many years of leadership in the union.

In the statement explaining his declination, Lazaris declared that he would continue to fight for civil rights of all our people, especially for the Negroes. Answering the charge that he was active in the Progressive Party, he said this was because neither the Republicans nor Democrats have lived up to their campaign pledges to the people.

His philosophy of life, Lazaris explained, is that "The working class is my family. To stand with the workers at all times is my religion."

Rice also boasts about his part in cleaning out Crucible Steel Local 1276 of Pittsburgh. The cleaning out was to get one of the Negro workers fired who was most active in the union besides creating all kinds of difficulties for several others.

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MEMO - SAC

Re: MATTHEW CVETIC

Time of call: 2:10 P. M.

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[redacted] of the Radio Station WMCK, McKeesport, Pa., stated he was recently responsible for the barring of a commentator named [redacted] as a result of testimony submitted by MATTHEW CVETIC. He said the program specifically is known as "The Voice of U.E.," and that it is sponsored by this union. He added that he is now on the horns of a dilemma inasmuch as he is placed in the position of submitting proof that [redacted] is associated with the Communist Party, and that the U.E. is an actual threat to the security of the country.

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[redacted] indicated that he would like to have some advice from this office as to what he could do to obtain the desired information and whether this office would make any statement as regards the U.E.'s being a threat to national security.

I told [redacted] that this office could make no comment concerning either the testimony of MATTHEW CVETIC or concerning the U.E. He said that he understood our position.

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Lepovich, Deputy Sheriff, Named At Cvetic Expose

Former Undercover Agent Of FBI Describes Strategy

WASHINGTON, March 14—(AP)—Communists are using in America the same tactics by which Reds took over Eastern European countries, the House Un-American Activities Committee heard today from a man who sat in on party planning councils.

The end is "liquidation" of the more moderate forces with which they join up for so long as it serves their aims, said Matthew Cvetic.

The witness, who rose to high place in the party while serving as an FBI undercover agent, did not go into detail on what he meant by "liquidation."

But he said playing along with the Reds is "dangerous." And he was emphatic that the plan for America is the same as the one actually carried out in areas where many who worked with the Reds have met the executioner.

Cvetic, known to Communists in Pittsburgh as a fellow party member for the last seven years, rattled off dozens of names in a list of persons he said were Communists active in the affairs of Henry Wallace's Progressive party in Western Pennsylvania.

His testimony on general Red tactics developed from his account of how party members moved in on the progressive organization.

The Communists, he said, have a standard technique of working with as many liberal and progressive groups as possible.

And after they get control they liquidate the coalition and take over control, he said.

At the head of Cvetic's list of Progressive party officers, whom he identified as Communists, was Zalmon H. Garfield, Pennsylvania State Director for the Progressives.

He met with members of the Communist party to discuss policy, the witness said.

Other names on his list included Thomas Fitzpatrick, Nicholas La-

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zarlas, Stanley Loney, Virginia Seymour, Alex Wright and George Wuchfich.

In another list of persons in Western Pennsylvania whom he called Communists, Cvetic included the name of Matthew Lepovich, Deputy Sheriff of Washington County.

Rep. Walter (R-Pa.) and Rep. Kearney (R-N.Y.) the only two committee members present for today's chapter of Cvetic's serial testimony, kept cautioning him not to mention names of persons not known to him as Communists.

Although the Progressive Party was thoroughly Communist-identified, many well-meaning persons were identified with it, Kearney added.

The committee members said any of the people named would be given an opportunity to come in and make public denials if they want to.

In his final hours on the witness stand, Cvetic identified Joseph Finner of Pittsburgh as a Communist and one of the large contributors to the Communist party in that area.

One of the documents turned over to the committee by Cvetic was a long list of names including politicians.

Rep. Harrison (D-Va.) noted that the list included the names of "quite a few prominent people." He mentioned, for instance, that one of those mentioned was the mayor of a small town.

Cvetic explained that it was a list of "contacts" used in the office of the American-Slav Congress. Many of those named, Cvetic said, had favored one or another of the causes of the Communists. When Cvetic said some had done so innocently, Harrison said that he could mention only names of persons he knew to be Communists.

In his afternoon testimony, however, Cvetic continued to reel off the names of persons he said he knew were Communists. They included:

Ida May Adams, James Baskin, Jerry Benton, identified as party organizer, McKeesport area; George Brkljacic; Charlotte Chandler; Judy Cogan (Mrs. Lee Cogan); Betty Drake.

The Rev. Nicholas Drenovac; Dorothy Farraday; Rachel Cooper; Rudy Martonovich; Tony Gerlach Jr., New York; Mary Golden (Mrs. Harp Golden); Carolyn Hart; Walter Hubscher; Pete Knezevich; Farrell; Pa. MacMandell; Anna Markovich (Mrs. Mirko Markovich); Agnes Mankin (Mrs. Joe Manhin); Ellene Matanico (Mrs. Paul Matanico).

John Middleton; Frank Modic; Detroit; Virginia Muir; Ludwig Mutz; New York; "Ricky" Roth, sister of Esther Roth, previously identified as a Communist; John Wassell and his wife, Mary; California, Pa.; Wilbur White; Erie, Pa.; Joseph Wolfe, optometrist; Charles Young and his wife, Ruth.

Among the persons Cvetic said were Communists and who were active in the affairs of the American-Slav Congress:

Matt Ahel; Calvin Brook; Vera Brook (Mrs. Calvin Brook); Rev. Nicholas Drenovac; Joe Harsjevich; Hubscher; Nick Kelich; Mary Kluko; Rose Knezevich (Mrs. Pete Knezevich); Bill Kompus; Walter Kurovski; Tony Lepovich; Bentleyville, Pa.; John Matelesko (Also known as Mattles); Canemaugh, Pa.; Mary Matelesko; Steve Mergel; Helen Migalich; Tony Mincer; Tony Nuss; Donald Pravel; Frank Pavuk; Paul Radus; Armenia Sadoch; Martin Schultz (Mrs. Lawrence Schultz); Anthony Skvarich; Ray Vallinsky; Dentist; Louis Vucich and Zare Werlitch.

Monday he listed Carl Fink, of Houston, as a Communist.

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Letters to the Editor—
**Do These Reds
 Deserve 'Rights'
 Under Our Laws?**

Editor, The Pittsburgh Press.

The pride of Pittsburgh, Matt Cvetic, has my congratulations on the amazing job he has accomplished against district Communists.

After his naming of these Commies and subversive groups, what effective action will be taken against them?

If this calls for a repeat performance of the New York trials, Matt has wasted his time. Immediately after incriminating evidence is uncovered against these subversive elements, they cry for their constitutional rights.

Are they entitled to any protection under this priceless document that they want to overthrow?

All Americans should unite to banish this Red scourge from our country once and for all. Let's put some teeth in our laws pertaining to these traitors.

F. C. SINGER.

Mars, Pa.

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New FBI-angled Spy Racket Didn't Stop Aid to Miners

THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN

Committee has given all its time in recent weeks to advertising a certain product that has a high reputation in financial circles. The committee thinks that this product is the cure for all industrial and political diseases. This product consists of rats.

The latest specimens of these underground goods to go into the show windows of the Committee come from Pittsburgh, the heart of the coal and steel industry.

They consist of a Slovenian-American stool named Matt Cvetic and a German engraver named George Dietze. Cvetic was recruited by the FBI in 1941 after he had been indicted for assaulting his sister-in-law in a brutal fashion. Both spied and lied against the labor unions and the Communist Party and the American Slav Congress for years. And they're lingering progressive workers for the fascist Un-American Committee in Washington today.

Such creatures are old-time products in American industry. They have been manufactured in quantity here for 75 years since the rise of labor unions and progressive political parties.

And big American corporations and government spy agencies have worked together in their production.

There's a peculiar feature about this product, however. Its use in the domestic market was freely admitted this month when the Un-American Committee broadcast the revelations of Cvetic about Communism in the coal fields during the recent strike, and Communism in the steel and electrical industry towns. But this product is never exported, the State Department claims. And every time a spy is caught playing the State Department game in Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria or Poland, the Department loudly denies he is American-made.

Exposure of two FBI agents in the minefields recalls notorious stool-pigeons of other labor struggles. Labor and the progressive movement can expose and defeat the new FBI tactic, through greater vigilance.

By ART SHEILDS

Those denials are hard for the coal miners and steel workers of Pittsburgh to believe as they follow the history of the rats sent into their own unions.

Cvetic and Dietze are only the latest in a string of hundreds of undercover operatives who have been ceaselessly trying to disrupt the workers' movement in the heavy industry centers.

Miners Remember James McParlan

Fathers of old Pennsylvania miners today still remember James McParlan, who sent 20 Irish miners to their death in the hard coal region in the late 1870's.

McParlan posed as a drunken, happy-go-lucky Irish immigrant in the barrooms of the anthracite towns from 1873 to 1877. He was always chumming with active members of the Miners Laborers

Union during the long strike of 1875. This went on until McParlan suddenly appeared as a witness against leading union members in a series of murder frame-up trials.

Then the Reading Coal & Iron Co. admitted that McParlan was a Pinkerton detective. And 20 men were hanged in Mauch Chunk and Pottsville and other towns through his lies.

Eugene V. Debs, the famous Socialist leader, called McParlan a victim, the first martyr of the class struggle in America.

And their innocence was officially admitted in 1947, 70 years after the frame-up, in a book that carries the written endorsement of R. W. Brown, the president of the Reading company, that framed them. (See Ruler of the Reading, by Marvin W. Schlögel, Assistant State Historian of Pennsylvania, Archiver Publishing Co., Harrisburg, Pa.)

Gerald Lively, Company Gunman

Hundreds of other labor spies were operating in the mine and steel centers long before Cvetic and Dietze crawled out of their holes.

This writer remembers the confession of a West Virginia company gunman named Gerald Lively that he had attended conventions of the United Mine Workers as a spy.

Lively made these admissions to a U. S. Senate committee in 1922, a year after he had been named as one of the killers of a miners' hero in West Virginia.

The miners' hero was Sid Hatfield, the constable in a little struck mining town — Matewan — on the Kentucky border. Hatfield led the miners in the defense of his own when gunmen invaded it in 1920. Seven gunmen were killed. And the next year, Hatfield was riddled with bullets by eight thugs as he was entering the courthouse of Welch, W. Va., in answer to a subpoena.

The mention of Welch brings to mind the labor spy Rodriguez, whom I saw in action in the mid-1920's.

Rodriguez died in the full honors of

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... president of the West Virginia Federation of Labor. Some powerful friends kept him in that post after he had been driven out of the Communist Party as an undercover agent of the United States Steel Corp.

Rodriguez was expelled by the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania where he had been operating after the Party gained possession of one of his reports to the steel corporation.

The spy's base was a little retail store in South Brownsville, Pa. He used this dummy store as a cover while he stooled the miners in the steel companies' mines nearby.

He transferred his base then to Westville, Ill., where the steel corporation had other mines. The workers drove him out of Illinois after the Communists identified him. Then he moved to Welch, where the AFL hierarchy gave him its protection.

The Spies Didn't

Stop Union Growth

One also recalls William Z. Foster's story of Peters, a steel workers' organizer in the Great Steel Strike campaign of 1919 who died of TB in Wheeling, W. Va.

Peters' body was hardly cold before a bunch of spy reports from an operative of the Railway Audit & Inspection Co., a labor spy agency, were uncovered.

The spy was organizer Peters.

In the end these underworld enemies killed McParlan, hanged 20 miners and broke the union. But the anthracite miners organized the field solidly at last. Lively and his fellow spies and gunmen brought back company rule in West Virginia in the 1920's. But no scab dares to dig coal in West Virginia today. Rodriguez collected his spy money for years from the steel trust. But the captive steel mines were the heart of the great coal strike that was just triumphantly won. And the open shop in the steel mills was buried 17 years after Peters' death.

Matt Cvetic lost his first battle against labor much more quickly.

Cvetic testified at the Un-American hearing this month that the Communists of the United States were actively helping the great mining strike with food contributions.

This was subversive, he argued.

The FBI spy was careful to label

many union men and International Workers Order members who raised food for the miners as Communists.

But Cvetic's disruptive campaign against the mine strike collapsed fast. Hungry miners gladly accepted their friends' food and won their strike.

Cvetic's smearing is part of the campaign of American fascism.

The stool public fingering of progressive workers was intended to create the hysteria that the fascist need for the passage of the Mundt-Nixon bill in Congress.

The Daily Worker's expose of Cvetic's court record as a woman-beater has thrown this off base.

Some people seem to be skeptical about Matt Cvetic, sadly admitted his chief sponsor Judge Blair F. Gunther, an aspirant for the Republican nomination.

This skepticism about Cvetic is prevalent even in American Legion circles, continued the judge, who had originally introduced his protege to the House Un-American Committee.

No one loves a stoolpigeon. This was especially true of Cvetic's ex-wife, Miss Marie Barsh, a Roman Catholic church organist. He's a liar and a coward, who never did anything for his children, said this angry woman to a delegation from the American Slav Congress.

Press headlines making Cvetic a hero roused her wrath.

"He's just a sneak," she replied.

Stools Get Aid Of Government

Cvetic failed to disrupt the mine strike and to get the 150 workers fired. But such stools are more dangerous today than ever because they have much more united backing from the ruling class than stools ever had before.

In the old days, explained Steve Nelson, the chairman of the Communist Party of western Pennsylvania, the spies reported only to the employers. But today the FBI is the chief labor spy agency. And the stools have the power of the United States Government behind them.

In the old days also the official labor movement was alerted to the spy danger. No Pinkerton, Railway Audit or Burns spy agency man could get admittance to a union office if his identity was known.

But some rightwing labor leaders have become morally rotten that they collaborate with a confessed labor spy.

Leaders of Philip Murray's United Steel Workers, the AFL food workers and Jim Carey's International Electrical Workers have been picking up the ball from the spy. When Cvetic calls a worker a Communist, these rightwing leaders grill him.

Thus the spy charged that Mrs. Alice Roth, an office worker who was on the grand jury rolls, was a Communist who had helped the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers Union in the big Westinghouse plant local, which Carey seeks to take over.

Judge Michael A. Musmanno then struck Mrs. Roth off the grand jury rolls. AFTER consultation with three of Carey's officials. The three were Charles E. Copeland, a business agent, Stanley Glass, local recording secretary, and Thomas L. Burns, associate editor of the IEU's Union Generator.

The struggle against the labor spies thus becomes part of a struggle against all enemies within the labor movement.

Ex-Wife Calls FBI 'Hero' 'Sneak, Coward and Liar'

PITTSBURGH. — Matta Cvetic, FBI labor spy and much-publicized witness for the House Un-American Committee, is not a hero, or a patriot, to his hard-working ex-wife, who supports herself and two sons as a music teacher.

"He's just a sneak and a coward. He was lying all the time! I don't see how the FBI can use such a coward and liar," she said last week end.

She said that Cvetic gave an example of his cowardice the night he assaulted her sister, Anne M. Barsh, another school teacher, on Feb. 18, 1939.

"He attacked my sister in the early hours of the morning," she told a delegation from the American Slav Congress that visited her at her home in Etta, a suburb of Pittsburgh.

"MY SISTER was visiting me at our house, and, staying overnight. I had gone to sleep. Suddenly, I heard a terrific noise. My sister was being terribly beaten. And that yellow coward ran out when he saw me coming."

My sister was laid up in St. Francis Hospital for several weeks. That coward had broken her wrist and caused her many other injuries.

Miss Barsh is a handsome woman of 37, with a face lined with years of hard work from bringing up her two sons without help.

She was reluctant to receive the visitors at first.

"If it's about Cvetic, I don't want to see you," she began. "I have broken with him years ago. We have nothing in common. My name isn't Cvetic any more. It's Barsh again."

She finally admitted the delega-

tion into her tastefully furnished parlor, however.

"All the years I have known Cvetic, he caused me nothing but grief," she said. "He never did anything for his family. I thought he was out of my life, but here he pops out as a great hero."

SHE SAID that her husband's smear campaign in the press (as a labor spy and an Un-American Committee witness) had hurt her family with the neighbors.

As soon as this dirt appeared in the newspapers, people began to stay away, she declared. "Some parents don't send their children any more for piano lessons. This is causing me serious financial loss."

The career of an 18-year-old son as a student at Duquesne University is affected.

Cvetic's ex-wife is angered by her former husband's recent boast that he was a good father, who helped his two sons greatly.

"That's a lie," she declared with flashing eyes. "He never gave the boys anything except what he had to by court orders (after the divorce), and not all of that."

The paper said that he gave her promptly every month \$75 for the children. He didn't. Money passed by and she wouldn't give anything.

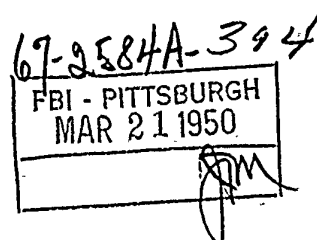
A "low snake he is! A hero! He's just a jerk!"

SHE SAID the newspapers killed the story she gave them about him. One reporter who interviewed her took eight pages of notes, but used only four or five lines.

"Why don't the newspapers show him up in his true light?" she demanded, as the delegation was leaving. "Why don't they tell the people what a jerk he is?"

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Dear

Confirming the conversation had with you, [redacted] and
[redacted] by Special Agent [redacted] and [redacted]
Assistant Special Agent in Charge of this office, as well as in reply
to your letters of February 27, and March 9, 1950, this office has no
objection to [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
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Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated. I will be
glad to discuss any further questions which arise in this connection.

Very truly yours,

J. E. TEORNTON
Special Agent in Charge

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EXPERTS VERSUS AMATEURS

By TONY SMITH
Press Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON—There are two ways of handling a Communist expose—the way it was done in Pittsburgh through Matt Cvetic and the way it wasn't done in Cincinnati.

The contrast was laid out for House investigators in the past several days. It was so great and so timely that none could miss its implications.

It spelled the difference between a clean, hard-hitting purge of disloyal elements in a vital industrial area versus a slap-stick promotion stunt based on slippery allegations of a one-time Communist whose reliability is open to serious question.

The mistake apparently was made when some poorly informed persons on the Un-American Activities Committee assumed that they could have a Cvetic every day in the week.

No attention was paid to the painstaking job of questioning and checking done by The Pittsburgh Press before it decided that Mr. Cvetic's story needed a public forum with the resources, knowledge and files of the House Committee.

Authority Established

Nor was it taken into account that The Press did not publish a line on Mr. Cvetic's story until the witness had been subpoenaed and questioned in a sworn executive committee session.

Even before Mr. Cvetic arrived here, he had been questioned in a court of law where the early, generalized portions of his testimony were taken.



The Press was scrupulous about disclosing the identity of Mr. Cvetic until the subpoena had been served. Other reporters working on the story were kept in the dark, as well as the House Committee—all in the interests of Mr. Cvetic's safety.

Hard on the heels of the Cvetic sensation, a Cincinnati newspaper offered the committee another unidentified witness. But before the witness even put in an appearance, the paper cut loose in a series of blasts at unnamed public officials, candidates and citizens.

The blow fell when the House Committee found out who they were expected to hear. It didn't help any when the other Cincinnati newspapers established the man's identity and the fact that he had spent some time in an institution for the insane.

Public Hearings Out

To put a good face on it, the committee took a deposition from the witness and allowed a staff member to question him. It decided against public hearings.

Finally, committee members read the deposition to Mr. Cvetic. The Pittsburgher stopped them half way through when a particular branch of the Communist Party was under discussion.

He asked what date that information pertained to. He was told the Ohio witness said it happened sometime in 1950. Mr. Cvetic said he didn't know how the party handled things in Ohio.

But, as for Pittsburgh, he said, "the language used throughout and the organization mentioned haven't been used in the party for more than eight years to my personal knowledge."

That seemed to clinch the Ohio expose. The committee would like to forget the whole thing.

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